

Nuclear defence plan includes mobilizing fleets of little ships

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Plans involving the mobilization of fleets of little ships to defend the ports, with squadrons including military and civil aircraft to make reconnaissance flights after a nuclear attack, are contained in a revised civil defence plan released yesterday.

The emergency guidance for local authorities, with other government documents, provide the most comprehensive response to the threat of nuclear attack yet provided. They bring together plans discussed before and details disclosed for the first time.

One of the documents, a draft consultation paper from the Department Health and Social Security (DHSS) was said by the British Medical Association to have taken sensible account of the criticisms made by the association in 1983. It had said then that nuclear survival plans were a myth because such an attack would destroy the health service.

The DHSS document admits that at worst the number of casualties in parts of the country could be quite beyond the resources of health services.

It proposes emergency medical centres, below hospital level, with some professional supervision. The centres would become much more important after a nuclear attack, although they would be available if casualties from a conventional attack overwhelmed hospitals.

The Government believes that a blitz directed at the main cities can probably be discounted in the first, conventional warfare, stage of any attack. It also believes it unlikely that any attack would open with a nuclear strike.

Neither is an invasion of Britain considered likely, although some sabotage troops might be landed.

The Government is considering methods of warning and protecting people against chemical weapons, the guidance document says.

The loss of life in a nuclear attack would be very high, but the documents say millions could be left alive, facing

immense immediate difficulties. If cities, political centres and industry were attacked in addition to military targets, areas of intense radiation could persist for months in the immediate vicinity of explosions. Centres of badly damaged cities could be uninhabitable for a long time.

"No clear assumptions can be made about the survival or recovery of the country in the longer-term following a major nuclear attack." But the Government calls for civil defence effort to provide protection, precautions against radiation effects, and planning to restore essential supplies and services.

Arrangements for the devolution of central government to regions, each under a government minister as regional commissioner, have been reviewed and simplified.

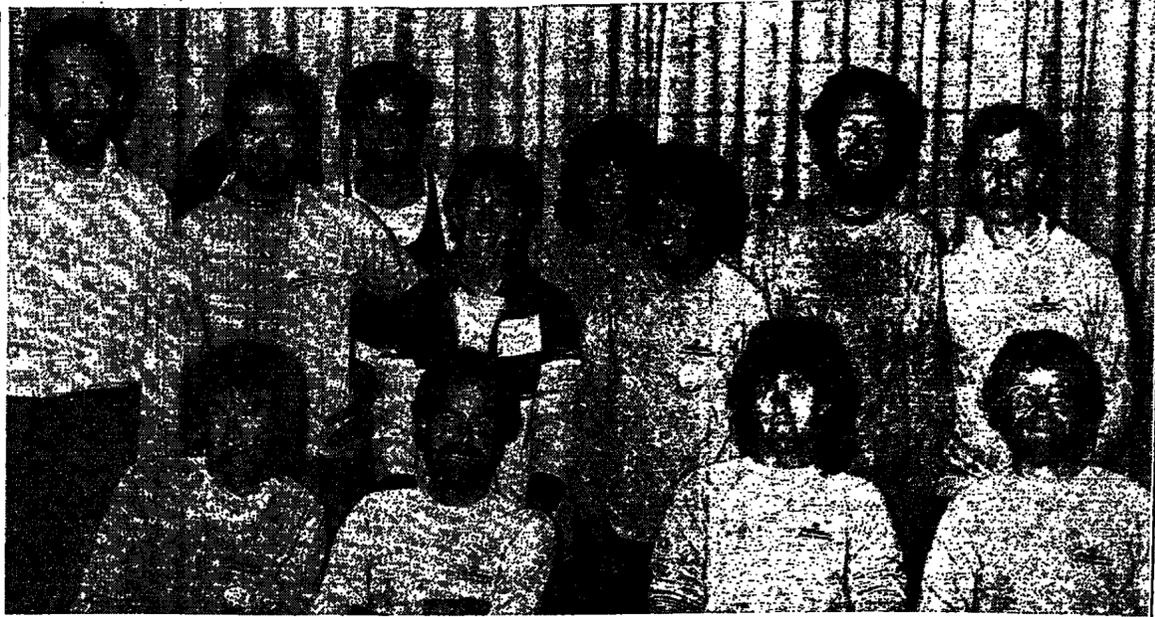
A single level of regional government would cover two zones in each region, with the commissioner's headquarters in one. His deputy would be in the other so that he could take over if the main one was destroyed. The commissioner would have with him a senior judge.

Greater London and Northern Ireland would each have one zone.

The Government says that small craft, including fishing vessels, would be required by the Royal Navy for the defence of ports and anchorages and air squadrons, to be established in each region, would be used for reconnaissance and communications after nuclear attack, with direct links to regional headquarters.

Civil aircraft could be included. Selected police and fire officers would be trained in air reconnaissance in peacetime.

Mr John Home Robertson, a Labour frontbench spokesman on agriculture, said the documents were " rubbish". It was malicious mischief, he said, to try to persuade people that agriculture or any other essential component of society would survive a nuclear attack.



The British Everest expedition on its return to Heathrow Airport, London, yesterday after its unsuccessful attempt on the north-east ridge. Front row (left to right) are Jon Tinker, Mal Duff, the leader, Chris Watts and Bob Marton. Middle row: Terry Dailey, Andy Greig, Liz Duff, Tony Brindle, Andy Nisbet and Sandy Allan. Back row: Danny Lewis and Sarah Squibb (Photograph: John Manning).

Scargill backs left hardliners

By Rupert Morris

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, has stepped into the political of the Communist Party of Great Britain with a statement of support for the pro-Soviet hardline faction at the *Morning Star*, the communist daily newspaper.

Mr Scargill's intervention reflects his own anger at the Communist Party leadership's public acceptance of the outcome of the miners' strike as a "defeat". Both Mr Scargill and the *Morning Star* have refused to accept it as such.

Yesterday's *Morning Star* carried a letter from Mr Moss Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, conveying on behalf of his union executive "appreciation and thanks for the work of the *Morning Star* in defending the rights of the trade union and labour movement and working people in general".

Such sentiments have been expressed before in the *Morning Star* by left-wing union leaders, but their timing on this occasion makes clear the considerable misgivings on the left about the Communist Party going "soft".

It also gives considerable encouragement to the communist hardliners, who are increasingly hopeful that their support among shareholders both inside and outside the party will enable them to retain control of the *Morning Star*, a situation that the Eurocommunist find a constant embarrassment.

Strike to affect 557 schools

By Lucy Hodges, Education correspondent

The National Union of Teachers, the biggest teachers' union, announced yesterday that an expected 9,000 of its members would be on strike next week, the thirteenth week of strike action.

This would affect 557 schools in 40 local authorities, a spokesman said, but it was not known which schools would be put on the list. Details of schools are expected next week.

Meanwhile Scottish teachers promised yesterday to fight on for an independent pay review on the second day of their annual conference in Inverness. They agreed to keep their tactics flexible, to continue to work to contract, to boycott new plans for the curriculum, and to take action against examination procedures, marking and documentation.

Amendments seeking to make industrial action more specific were defeated. The Educational Institute of Scotland agreed to organize an early ballot of secondary school teachers on boycotting examinations next year.

Deported Tamil is found

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

The Tamil deported to Sri Lanka after an "administrative blunder" has presented himself at the British High Commission in Colombo, after being told by friends that his case was being reviewed.

The appearance of Mr Kandiah Ravintheeran, aged 21, at the High Commission enabled relieved Home Office officials to report yesterday that he was alive and well.

They emphasized that he will not be brought back to Britain unless representations on his behalf from the United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service (UKIAS) result in a reversal of the decision that he is not entitled to stay in Britain.

An urgent investigation has been ordered by the Home Secretary into how Mr Ravintheeran was deported to Sri Lanka before the service had put its representations to the Home Office.

Hattersley call to widen rights of workers

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Extending workers' influence over their working lives was a practical necessity as well as an object of socialist principle, Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, said yesterday.

He said that giving workers rights in the management of their companies would improve Britain's industrial record, by giving employees a genuine stake in the concerns on which their livelihoods depended.

Mr Hattersley, who was speaking at Trinity College, Oxford, argued on grounds of industrial efficiency for the extension of employees' rights, and on grounds of democracy for the extension of public ownership.

"Democracy can have no frontiers; it needs to advance into our working lives," he said. But socialists could not "rigidly advocate any single form of industrial organization on ownership".

Conservatives had given profits a bad name, and they would be rehabilitated only when they appeared to be in everyone's interest, "first by giving people a share in distributed profits, second by giving everyone a say in how retained profits are invested".

There were hard pragmatic reasons for supporting an extension of industrial democracy.

Mr Hattersley believed that given the power to influence their companies' policies, employees would use it wisely. Studies in different countries has shown substantial increases in productivity where worker participation was introduced.

Much greater improvements in performance could be expected from "increasing industrial enthusiasm" than from attempts to change industry solely through freeing markets or from demand management.

Mr Hattersley repeated his view that Labour could not remain rigidly committed to old-style Morrisonian nationalization but should examine workers' or consumers' co-operatives.

There should be an increasing number of socially-owned enterprises which belonged to workers or consumers, with the owners exercising the rights of ownership.

Protect cattle with sheets, farmers told

By John Young, Agricultural Correspondent

The Ministry of Agriculture issued farmers yesterday with guidelines on how to deal with the aftermath of nuclear war. The booklet, *Civil Defence and the Farmer*, says:

"If you have not got substantial buildings to house your livestock, any shelter is better than none... Sheeting over them would provide further protection from fallout dust.

"Animals which could not be housed could be given some protection by using bales of hay or straw, which might be more readily available in winter..."

The prospect of a "nuclear winter", the aftermath of a nuclear war during which life might cease to exist on this planet, is comfortably ignored in this extraordinary booklet.

Little changed from an earlier pamphlet published as long ago as 1958, which has been out of print for many years, it sets out to advise farmers how to safeguard food supplies after the holocaust.

Clearly somewhat embarrassed, ministry officials claimed that the booklet had been published in response to many requests from farmers and farming organizations for advice.

The booklet is full of helpful hints.

Milk unfit for human consumption could be fed to pigs or cattle, even if it were possibly contaminated, as the radiation would be unlikely to affect the age for conventional slaughter.

Consumers, assuming that there are any, should be all right so long as they remember to wash root vegetables and hard fruit such as apples and pears. Peas, protected by their pods, should be reasonably safe, but leafy vegetables and soft fruit such as strawberries would be difficult to decontaminate.

Civil Defence and the Farmer (Stationery Office, £1.50).

Mugger guilty of killing

John Livingstone, aged 23, of Park Walk, Chelsea, was convicted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of the manslaughter of Lady Robertson, widow of the former chairman of the British Transport Commission, during a "nasty" mugging, three years ago.

He was remanded in custody to be sentenced next week. Lady Robertson of Oakridge, widow of General Lord Robertson, was on a visit to London from her home in Rodmanton, Gloucestershire, when she was attacked and robbed of £30.

Local radio faces anxious summer

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Local radio faces a summer of uncertainty as it grapples with dismal financial returns, staff discontent, and the threat of wider competition.

The crisis beneath the surface of the 47 broadcasting commercial radio stations - the forty-eight, Gwent, still exists but is not broadcasting because of financial difficulties - was made public by trade unions this week.

They cited job losses at LBC, Capital Radio, and smaller stations as evidence of the need for a moratorium on all radio developments until the station's finances have been investigated.

But the plea will not deter the Home Office from announcing an experimental string of commercial radio stations in the near future, all of them running on a much less regulated basis than the present network and all potential rivals for radio advertising revenue.

Not will the difficulties of radio weigh heavily in the arguments heard by the Peacock Committee about the introduction of advertising on the BBC.

Commercial radio is a minnow in the vast advertising pond, accounting for only 2.5 per cent of all display revenue. Even that tiny share of the advertising market is in danger through lack of growth and the pulling power of other media.

The former Home Secretary, Lord Whitelaw, acknowledged the difficulties this week when he suggested that the Independent Broadcasting Authority and the BBC might lose their

Pop charts 'hyped by four men'

The leading record companies have discovered a nationwide pop music chart "hopping" operation, a High Court judge was told in London today.

Hyping the charts involves the buying of a record in such quantity as to boost its rating in the charts and increase the chances of it being played on radio and television.

Four men are being sued for allegedly manipulating the ratings by purchasing specific records at shops that supply weekly sales data.

The court action has been initiated by the market research company Gallup Poll, and the British Phonographic Industry (BPI), representing the main UK record companies. They are seeking damages and injunctions to stop the buying operation.

In their damages claim, Gallup and the BPI are alleging conspiracy to injure their business of compiling and publishing the charts.

Mr Justice Saville granted judgement yesterday against one of the men, Christopher Marshall, of Dunston, Penkridge, Staffordshire, in the absence of a defence. Mr Marshall was not in court.

The other men being sued are Henry Turde of Old Harham Road, Southgate, East, Crawley, West Sussex; Gordon Sutherland, of Catherin Road, Shepherds Bush, west London; and Tony Allen, of St Mary's Court, Barwell, Leicestershire.

Government blamed for contract delay

By George Hill

Britain's role in a second important international contract is in jeopardy because of government delays in approving aid facilities, Mr Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on trade, said yesterday.

Just over a month after the loss of the Bosphorus bridge project to Japan, Britain's one-third share of the £260m Samanala Weva hydro-electric scheme was vulnerable for a similar coup because of government "indecision" Mr Gould, Labour MP for Dagenham, said.

"While we are dithering over whether projects of this sort are proper subjects for aid, the Sri Lankans may say 'thanks for your concern' and accept an offer from the French or the Japanese," Mr Gould added.

Japanese and French interests are involved in the project, and are seeking support from their own governments.

Minister's fear

A new dispute between Britain and Japan over the Bosphorus bridge contract is likely to erupt if Britain's Cleveland Bridge Company fails to win a significant share of the project, Mr Geoffrey Fattie, Minister of State for Industry, said yesterday during a visit to Japan (Our Industrial Correspondent writes from Tokyo).

Communication workers reject merger

Plans for a powerful 360,000-strong union to face British Telecom and the Post Office were given a jolt yesterday when, in spite of an impassioned plea from Mr Bryan Stanley, general secretary, the National Communications Union conference at Blackpool rejected proposals for eventual amalgamation with the larger Union of Communication Workers (UCW).

A UCW conference recently approved plans drawn up by leaders of both unions, the largest in the Post Office and BT. A common union, with two autonomous groups based on present union membership, would have been set up this year.

Later it was intended, under full amalgamation, to reorganize membership with all Post Office workers in one group and those with BT in another. Some delegates yesterday felt

Landlords upset at rent control delay

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The decision by the Government to delay legislation on ending private rent controls is a severe setback to those in the housing field who believe that the survival of the private rented sector is vital in helping solve the housing shortage and that legislation is needed to ensure the future of that sector.

The Small Landlords Association regarded the proposed ending of rent control as the last chance for the sector, which has shrunk severely in the past two decades. Earlier this century, the private rented sector provided homes for most of the population, but as owner occupation and local authority housing increased, it diminished.

Since 1938 the number of private rented homes has fallen from 6.2 million to fewer than two million (excluding housing association property). That represents less than 10 per cent of all housing compared with 25 per cent in 1965.

In spite of likely opposition, the Government had been moving towards acceptance of plans to end rent controls on new lettings of private housing, with the intention to attract new investment into the contracting market and reducing the constraints on mobility of labour caused by the difficulty of finding rental accommodation.

The number of private tenancies are reducing at the rate of 100,000 homes a year. Under the Government's proposals, landlords and tenants would have been free to settle the level of rent for themselves in new lettings, while existing protections would continue in tenancies already agreed.

PRIVATELY RENTED HOMES including housing associations		
Year	Total '000s	Percentage
1974	3,205	18.3
1975	3,083	16.9
1976	2,984	16.5
1977	2,897	16.2
1978	2,818	15.7
1979	2,739	15.1
1980	2,657	14.7
1981	2,585	14.3
1982	2,532	14.0
1983	2,472	13.7
1984	2,416	13.4

Source: See for Great Britain, Department of the Environment.

Mr William Waldegrave, Under Secretary of State of the Department of the Environment, announced recently that the Government was engaged in a review of the private rented sector with a view to encouraging private landlords to meet unsatisfied demand for housing outside the public rental and owner-occupied sectors.

The Government has been considering a new rent Act for a year, but at first ministers ruled out any move to abandon the existing system of fair rents set by a rent tribunal according to rules disregarding scarcity and demand.

They were deterred both by fears of a new scandal involving exploitation of tenants such as the Rachman affair of the 1950s, and by the Treasury's fears that higher rents would mean increased entitlement to housing benefits.

In evidence to the Duke of Edinburgh's inquiry into private housing, yet to produce its recommendations, the British Property Federation said that registered rents gave a return of between 2 per cent and 3 per cent, and that there was no incentive to be a landlord on such terms.

Mr Rooker said Britain's competitors spent a higher proportion of their national income on construction. The figures are: Britain 7.5 per cent, West Germany 12.7 per cent, France 11.6 per cent and Italy 11.3 per cent.

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Jury finds three guilty of part in £6m City raid on Security Express

Three men will be sentenced on Monday for their part in Britain's biggest cash robbery, the theft of £6 million from Security Express headquarters in the City on Easter Monday in 1983.

After retiring for 16 hours, a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday convicted Terence Perkins, aged 37, and John Knight, aged 50, of involvement in the raid, described as one of the crimes of the century.

They will be sentenced on Monday by Judge Richard Lowry, QC, when they will be joined in the dock by John Horsley, aged 43, who pleaded guilty to robbery at the start of the case last February.

The trial, which lasted 66 days, is estimated to have cost £1 million. Police investigations, including the expenses for a squad to spend a month in Spain, and other costs add another £1 million to the bill.

Of the £6 million haul, £4 million is still missing, believed to have been invested abroad. The assets in England of the guilty men, including their substantial homes have been frozen.

James Knight, aged 59, and William Hickson, aged 42, will also be sentenced on Monday. They were convicted of receiving some of the stolen cash. John and James Knight are former brothers-in-law, and Barbara Windsor, the Carry On actress, whose former husband, Ronald Knight, is living in Spain.

The jury of seven men and five women was discharged from giving a robbery verdict in Hickson's case after convicting him of an alternative count of receiving.

Two other defendants were found not guilty of receiving money and discharged. They were Mrs Jacqueline Perkins, aged 36, of Oak Avenue, Enfield, and Mr Robert Young,

aged 47, a chartered accountant, of Gobions Way, Little Heath, Pottery Bar, Hertfordshire.

As she left the dock Mrs Perkins kissed her husband Terence Perkins and whispered: "Good luck."

The judge directed that the jury should not be called to try another criminal case for 25 years because of their "ordeal".

Unusually he did not invite them to return to court on Monday to hear sentences passed. From the outset of the case the jurors have been given 24-hour protection by armed detectives.

Perkins, a property developer, John Knight, a garage owner, of High Trees, Gustard Wood, Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, and Hickson, a market trader, of Chequer Street, Holborn, London, all pleaded not guilty to robbery and receiving charges.

James Knight, restaurateur, of The Limes, Wood Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex, denied receiving.

During the trial Miss Windsor gave evidence for the defence.

The spectacular robbery was staged by 15 men and was carried out with daring, cunning and military-style precision, the court was told.

The gang, carrying pistols and sawed-off shotguns, struck when one guard was on duty at Security Express. When other guards arrived they were all trussed up, blindfolded and gagged. One was threatened with being soaked with petrol and turned into a "human torch" to force him to give information about the vault.

The gang were inside the offices of Security Express for five hours before driving away with £6 million.

The court was told that the convicted men spent freely, spent lavishly and "stashed" hundreds of thousands of

pounds in bank and building society accounts.

They were eventually "betrayed" to Scotland Yard by a "superspy", Allen Opiola, whose home in north London had been used as a counting house. He has been paroled from a sentence of three years and three months, imposed for receiving stolen cash. He was the prosecution's chief witness in the trial and is now said to be living in fear at a secret address after threats to his life.

The robbery involved months of planning and £100,000 "expenses", but the gang almost called it off at the eleventh hour.

Criminal experts met week-after-week at an east London public house, The Fox, and at a scrap metal yard nearby.

Unsuspecting customers wandering into The Fox were thrown out by Clifford Saxe, the tough landlord, who now lives in Spain.

But shortly before the raid drug squad detectives from outside London burst into the scrapyard in Ridley Road, Dalston, run by James Knight. They searched but found no drugs.

An emergency meeting was convened and the gang decided to "carry on regardless".

Steel shuttered doors, every conceivable alarm and surveillance device and closed circuit television gave Security Express an air of impenetrability. But they knew of an Achilles heel: staff had orders never to resist if lives were threatened.

After the raid 150 Central robbery squad detectives hunted the culprits. Finally a tip-off led to Allen Opiola, who described how his Southgate house had been the "banking headquarters".

After the count he gave everyone their share in a suitcase. John Knight walked off with £400,000.



Viktoria Mullova, the Soviet violinist who is to play at the Barbican tonight, rehearsing yesterday with the 1723 Stradivarius bought for her for £286,000 at Sotheby's, London, in April (Photograph: Graeme Cookson).

Report on timber houses is attacked

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The conclusions of a government report on timber-frame housing which claims that it contains "potentially disastrous" flaws were challenged yesterday by the Timber and Brick Homes Information Council, which represents the timber-frame sector of building.

The council said that newspaper reports of the conclusions gave a "totally false impression" of the overall performance and durability of timber-frame housing by isolating one sentence from an interim report.

The report by the Government's Building Research Establishment for the Department of the Environment records "several significant faults" to which it alerts the industry. "Faults are defined as departures from good practice and do not necessarily lead to failures in service; however, all faults have that potential."

Most of the faults identified by the establishment relate to strength and stability, weather-tightness, fire and durability.

They include inadequate clearance for shrinkage in frames, ineffective measures to prevent passage of fire through separating walls and within cavities, ineffective precautions against entry of water and water vapour, and potential short-comings, some serious, in structural performance.

The report also states that too much reliance is placed on site work in certain practices of timber-frame construction.

Timber-frame construction, widely used in the United States, Canada and Scandinavia, took an increasing share of the market in Britain, rising to almost 25 per cent in 1982 and 1983.

In England, it is now down to 8 per cent or 9 per cent, partly because of adverse publicity of faults in the system highlighted in Granada TV's *World in Action* programme in 1983. In Scotland, where the method has been accepted more confidently, it has about 30 per cent of the market.

The Timber and Brick Homes Information Council said that it was a technical report in which statements taken out of context could be misunderstood by a lay audience.

"The fact remains that the types of faults reported by the establishment do represent deviations from good practice. We welcome the recent measures made by the House Builders' Federation and by the National House-building Council to upgrade performance on-site," Mr David Scott, the council's technical director, said.

Daily Star's bomb report 'wasted police time'

From Peter Davenport
Bradford

Police officers investigating the cause of the Bradford football ground fire wasted valuable time in following up a newspaper report that it was started by a smoke bomb thrown by football hooligans, the public inquiry into the disaster was told yesterday.

Because of the allegations the police staged an elaborate reconstruction of events immediately before the outbreak in C-block of the grandstand at the Valley Parade ground.

Det Supt Kevin Cooper, the officer in charge of the investigation, told Mr Justice Popplewell yesterday, the third day of the hearing, that the reconstruction was an "unpleasant experience" for those survivors involved. "It was something we could well have done without," he said.

The report was the main front page article in the *Daily Star* newspaper on May 13, two days after the fire which caused 55 deaths.

The headline said: "I saw killer smoke bomb". There followed a report by Mr Ian Trueman, a *Daily Star* journalist who had been working at the match, in which he wrote: "I saw everything, every horrifying second. I saw a smoke bomb thrown by hooligans from a stand adjoining the main building."

However, the inquiry has been told that in spite of intensive police investigations and a painstaking forensic science examination of the remains of the stand, there was no evidence that the fire had been started deliberately or that anything was thrown into the grandstand.

Mr Andrew Collins, QC, counsel for the inquiry, has said that the most likely cause was a cigarette end dropped through a crack in wooden floorboards of the stand, which set light to rubbish accumulated for years in a space underneath.

Under questioning by Mr Collins yesterday, Mr Trueman agreed that he had not seen anything being thrown but after noticing the trail of smoke in the stand had assumed it to have been caused by a smoke bomb. He added that he stood by his story.

Mr Cooper, who was in the crowd during the match, said that at first he had thought it may have been a smoke bomb. But only 14 people from the crowd estimated at more than 10,000 had claimed to have seen any kind of missile thrown. After questioning by detectives only two had persisted in their allegations.

"My conclusion," he said, "is that in the main they were inaccurate and mistaken."

● A three-game tour of Scotland by Bradford City Football Club to raise funds for the disaster appeal has been cancelled, a victim of Fifa's blanket ban on English clubs playing teams from other nations (The Press Association reports).

● A police football team from Medway, Kent, will not be taking part in an international five-a-side tournament in Belgium this weekend as planned. The Belgian police said yesterday that the Brussels government did not wish the Kent police to take part. They will, however, attend as spectators as a gesture of good will.

● The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, and the city's Roman Catholic Archbishop, Mgr Derek Worlock, are to join a city council good will delegation to Turin, the home town of Juventus, on Monday week in an attempt at reconciliation after the European Cup Final football disaster.

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Diana Dors leaves £207,939

Diana Dors, the actress, and her actor husband Alan Lake have left their property to two of their sons in their wills published yesterday.

Miss Dors, who died of cancer in May last year, left £207,939 net and Lake, who shot himself five months later because he could not live without her, left £132,702 net. Both figures are before tax is paid.

The sole beneficiaries are the couple's sons, Jason Lake, aged 16, and Gary Dors, aged 24, the son of Miss Dors' second marriage to Dickie Dawson, the comedian. Gary's brother Mark, aged 26, who has lived in the United States since his parents were divorced in 1967, is left nothing.

Dawson was given custody of the two children and they stayed with him in Hollywood while Miss Dors returned to Britain. Ten years later Gary stayed with the Lakes in England, but his brother did not return to Britain and rarely spoke of his mother.

A family friend said yesterday: "In the divorce they thought Diana had a big fortune. But Mark never forgave her and has never kept in touch."

Gas blast families sue water board

A writ was issued this week on behalf of 29 plaintiffs against the operators, designers and constructors of Abbeystead water plant in Lancashire where an explosion last killed 16 people and injured 30.

Mr David Arkwright, a Bolton lawyer, representing a consortium of 12 firms of solicitors acting for 18 families, said the writ was issued on Wednesday against the North West Water Authority, Binnie and Partners, civil engineers, and Edmund Nutall, contractors.

The writ came after another taken out last year against the authority by a Liverpool solicitor Mr E Rex Makin, on

Study links smoking and infertility

By Nicholas Timmins,
Social Services
Correspondent

Evidence that women who smoke stand an appreciably smaller chance of having a baby has come from a study of 4,000 women at Oxford University.

Women who stopped using contraceptives to try to have a baby were twice as likely not to have succeeded within five years if they smoked more than 20 cigarettes a day than women who did not smoke.

The effect increased with the number of cigarettes smoked.

The study comes after evidence suggesting that men who smoke are more likely to be infertile, and the Oxford University team which produced the report say that if anything its figures are likely to underestimate the effect of smoking on women's fertility.

"The impairment of fertility among heavy smokers was substantial", the team of doctors and statisticians say in today's *British Medical Journal*.

On the evidence it says, "it seems reasonable to advocate that women should reduce their cigarette consumption or stop smoking not only during pregnancy but when they are attempting to become pregnant."

In the study only 5.4 per cent of non-smokers and 5.5 per cent of former smokers failed to have a baby within five years of trying, but for those who smoke more than 20 a day the figure was 10.7 per cent.

Trooper tells of fatal pony ride

Mark Lehan, a trooper in the Life Guards, told an inquest yesterday how a young woman died after he offered a ride on a polo pony.

Trooper Lehan, aged 20, a groom stationed at Combermere Barracks, Windsor, was taking two polo ponies back from a match at Smith's Lawn to the stables, when he met Miss Deborah Baldwin, aged 27, walking in Windsor Great Park.

The inquest at Maidenhead, Berkshire, was told that the trooper struck up a conversation with Miss Baldwin, a British Airways passenger sales executive, of Wood Close, Windsor.

When Trooper Lehan discovered that she was a keen horsewoman, he offered her a ride on the 20-year-old polo pony he was looking after.

"I was riding the grey horse and leading another one back to the stables," he told the East

Rate of house price rises falls to 8.8%

The annual level of house price increases fell in May to 8.8 per cent from 9.9 per cent in April, according to the Halifax house price index published yesterday. The index, issued by the Halifax Building Society, shows that in the latest three-month period house prices generally rose by 3.4 per cent.

When Trooper Lehan went over to Miss Baldwin, he saw she was severely injured and rode off for help.

Recording a verdict of misadventure, the coroner said that he did not think that anybody was to blame for the accident.

£1m royalty lost on songs, QC says

Elton John and Bernie Taupin, the songwriters, were left out of pocket of the tune of £1 million because of the wrongful diversion of part of their royalties from foreign record sales, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

The money was improperly siphoned off into foreign-based subsidiary publishing companies controlled by their former employers, Dick James Music, only 50 per cent of the royalties was returned to the United Kingdom, Mr Mark

Tax checks on car sales perks

The Inland Revenue is investigating the increasing number of foreign holidays and expensive gifts being offered as incentives by car manufacturers to its dealers' salesmen.

The Motor Agents' Association said last night the Inland Revenue was conducting a close examination of the incentives such as free holidays and gifts which it apparently regards as payments in kind and therefore subject to income tax.

The association's spokesman said: "The whole question of incentives is causing concern to dealers. The rush for market share at all costs is pulling sales forward artificially and that could lead to a sharp fall in sales later in the year. They are already building up large stocks of new cars in readiness for the August boom."

The trade publication *Motor Trade* reported yesterday that dealers pay as little as £150 for salesmen to go on incentive-related trips when the true cost is as much as £2,000 a person. Last year Vauxhall took winning salesmen to Hong Kong. This year it is planning to take salesmen to Hollywood.

The lull in the incentive war which manufacturers were predicting two months ago has not materialized. However there has been a switch in tactics. Direct discounts of up to £1,000 a car have been cut back, while prizes for salesmen have been increased.

There has also been a sharp rise in the number of demonstrator cars registered by dealers to boost a manufacturer's market share in a particular month. Ford was the most active in April when its dealers registered 9,000 cars on April 29.

Last month Austin Rover offered incentives of up to 40 per cent discounts on retail prices if dealers replaced their demonstrator fleets before May 31.

Vauxhall is paying a £250 bonus for each Cavalier added to existing demonstrator fleets.

Lavish use of incentives boosted car sales last month to 149,701, up nearly 4.5 per cent on the same month last year. Ford retained market leadership with 26.2 per cent,

Jet crash damages for the Queen

The Queen has been awarded £800 damages after an RAF Tornado jet crashed on her Sandringham estate, killing the pilot.

The pilot of the £13 million Tornado, Squadron Leader Michael Stephens, aged 34, of No 9 Squadron, RAF Honington, Suffolk, died after his aircraft plunged out of control on the Queen's estate in the Norfolk village of Wolferton.

A settlement of £800 was made to the estate by the Ministry of Defence to repair road foundations damaged by vehicles arriving to dig out the aircraft wreckage.

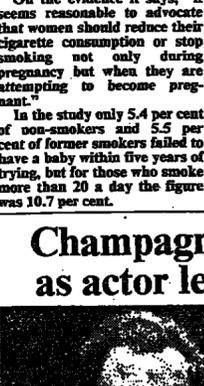
The crash occurred in September 1983 and an inquest last December recorded a verdict of accidental death. Why the pilot failed to eject has not been explained.

The navigator, Flight Lieutenant Nigel Nickles, who survived, told the inquest that the Tornado suffered what appeared to be "instantaneous multiple systems failure" in which all electrical equipment failed.

The navigator bailed out at 15,000 ft, but the pilot went down with the plane.

Champagne breakfast as actor leaves prison

Stacy Keach, (left) the actor, leaving Reading jail yesterday after serving six months of a prison sentence for smuggling cocaine.



Immigration sources said yesterday that his chances of being allowed to return to Britain were remote.

The Home Office refused to speculate on what might happen if Mr Keach sought entry to Britain again, but said that people convicted of extraditable offences were "normally" refused.

Mr Keach, aged 44, had a champagne breakfast at Heathrow before flying to the United States on Concorde.

Three deny role in African arms plot

From Craig Seton, Birmingham

A British businessman accused of taking part in a conspiracy to help South Africa to evade an arms embargo told customs and excise investigators that 14,000 Rand he received, over a three-year period, was expenses and not "commission" for smuggling equipment for military use, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Derek Salt, aged 60, of Coventry, was stopped at Heathrow Airport by customs investigators in March last year on his return from South Africa. Mr Salt, a company director, the conspiracy involved items connected with heat-seeking missiles and radar-jamming equipment, together with the manufacture of parts for detonators and gunsights.

On the second day of the trial yesterday, Mr Michael White, a customs officer, said that he questioned Mr Salt about payments totalling more than 14,000 Rand made to him by Gardiner's company.

Mr Salt allegedly told the officer that he acted only as an adviser to Fosseyway.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

£100m Olympic stadium planned

Birmingham City Council announced yesterday that it will spend about £100 million on building Britain's second-largest sports arena if its request to stage the 1992 Olympic Games is granted.

The 70,000-seat "Superbowl" would be built beside the National Exhibition Centre. Once the Olympics were over, 20,000 seats would be removed and a roof fitted to create an all-purpose arena which would be the largest covered stadium in Britain.

Actor drolls

Gordon Rollings, the actor, who appeared in advertisements for John Smith's Yorkshire Bitter, died yesterday, aged 58 after a "courageous battle" against cancer, his agent said.

Family rescued

A Dutch family of six was rescued by Walton lifeboat yesterday moments before its converted trawler sank off Clacton.

£50,000 fish loss

Detectives appealed for help last night in tracing members of an animal liberation group who cut trout, worth more than £50,000, free from a netted breeding ground at Horton Fisheries in Horton, Berkshire.

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Mr Arthur Rowley, aged 52, and Mr Malcolm Bird, both of Balsall Common, West Midlands, have denied conspiring with four South Africans to evade prohibitions imposed on the export of certain strategic, military and high technology goods to South Africa under the Export of Goods, Control Order, 1981.

The court has been told that a fourth man, Mr Michael Gardiner, aged 56, director of Fosseyway Securities, of Colyford, Devon, had pleaded guilty to the charge.

The prosecution alleges that

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Hattersley call to widen rights of workers
By Julian Hattersley
Political Editor

Extending workers' rights over their working conditions is a practical necessity as well as the subject of socialist propaganda, Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, said yesterday.

He said that giving workers rights in the management of their companies would mean that Britain's industrial structure would be taken in the hands of workers and their livelihoods dependent on the whims of a few industrialists.

Mr Hattersley, who is speaking at Trinity College, Oxford, argued on grounds of efficiency for the extension of workers' ownership.

"Democracy can be brought into our working lives," he said, "but it is not a socialist's dream to have a single industrial organization."

Conservatives had a bad name, he said, when they appeared as living people's interest. He said that the distribution of profits, shared by everyone, is a more realistic approach than the retention of profits by a few.

There were hard reasons for the extension of industrial democracy, he said.

Mr Hattersley believed that given the power to influence their companies' policies, employees would use it to improve their lives in different ways.

As shown by substantial increases in productivity where participation was introduced, much greater improvements in performance could be expected from "increasing industrial enthusiasm" than attempts to change it solely through freeing the market from demand management.

Mr Hattersley repeated a view that Labour could remain rigidly committed to a mid-style Morrisonian socialism but should not be seen as workers' or consumers' advocates.

There should be an increase in the number of socially-owned enterprises which would be workers' or consumers' owners exercising the management.

Not blamed for delay

Mr Gould has put a common-sense question to Timothy Raison, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, about the British consequence of the contract led by his party, has been waiting months for a decision on application for a 215 million aid under aid provisions, and a report on guarantees to cover the £60 million share.

Minister's fear

A new dispute between Britain and Japan over sporadic cases of BSE (mad cow disease) in the UK, has been a significant factor in the decision by Mr Geoffrey Howe, Minister of State for Europe, to visit Japan (Our Industrial Dependence on Japan).

Scotland Yard planning to save £25m

Scotland Yard has announced a programme of savings of £25 million in the Metropolitan Police budget of £500 million. It was outlined in a supplement to the external newspaper, *The Times*. The money will be saved by cutting overheads and by plans to cut staff, but measures are likely to be criticized as similar to those which have been in other forces.

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Nalgo and Nupe move towards banning Masons as members

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The trade union movement is about to join the Metropolitan Police and a growing band of Christian churches in denouncing Freemasonry.

Next week's annual conference of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalگو), the biggest white-collar union, will debate a motion which attacks membership of the "craft" as potentially corrupting and strongly advises its members not to become freemasons or to "resign forthwith".

The motion also calls on public service employers to insist that all officers, councillors and appointed members should declare whether they are members and to ban freemasons from negotiating contracts or involvement in staff appointments.

The sentiments have been endorsed by the executive of the National Union of Public Employees and will, almost certainly form the basis of a motion to go before the TUC's annual conference in September.

The executive of the 766,000-member Nalگو is to ask for "reference back" of the motion because it is in the middle of compiling a report on Freemasonry.

The investigation has been delayed because of lack of information and a "poor response" from members, according to the union's 1984 annual report, but some preliminary conclusions have been drawn which lead the union's researchers to the idea that there is "at least the possibility and the suspicion of improper influence being brought to bear".

Freemasonry has encountered criticism from the Metropolitan Police and some other forces where officers have been advised against membership.

An inquiry by the Methodist Church has found that Freemasonry and Christianity are incompatible and a similar investigation under way by the Church of England is expected to come to a similar conclusion.

The Roman Catholic Church has banned its adherents from membership for many years.

Benefit cuts could cost war widows £20 a week

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Some war widows and people on industrial disablement pensions could face cuts in housing benefit of as much as £20 a week if the Government's proposed changes go through, it was claimed yesterday.

The cuts in help with rent and rates would come from the new way in which the benefit is to be withdrawn with higher income and the ending of local authorities' discretion to make the housing benefit scheme more generous.

According to the Rowe report, about half of all local authorities ignore income from war widows and industrial disablement pensions when calculating entitlement to housing benefit. The government proposes to stop that happening on the ground that it causes inequity in different parts of the country and between claimants.

Dr Peter Kemp, housing research fellow at University Glasgow, said: "That could mean losses of up to £20 a week for some war widows and some of the disabled".

Glasgow, the local authority with the largest housing benefit caseload, has an estimated 1,500 people on such pensions.



Return match: Signor Manfredi is greeted by his wife Rosita at Turin police headquarters

Solidarity leader expelled for third time from his trial

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Gdansk hotel room by two secret police officers pretending to be government intermediaries anxious for dialogue with Solidarity. The conversation was secretly taped and, according to Mr Michnik, doctored to make it seem like a confession.

The tape was played in court yesterday and lasted 55 minutes although the actual conversation was two hours. Experts are to testify next week as to whether the recording has been tampered with. Complaining that it was almost inaudible, Mr Michnik yesterday was thrown out of the court.

Last Wednesday soon after the chief judge, Mr Kizstow Zienik, had ordered a search through the courtroom for possible weapons - actual catch, two tape-recorders and the notebook of Mr Michnik's fiancée - Mr Michnik began to yawn, stretch and sigh loudly.

"Are you sick?" the judge asked. "No, only of the jokes of the Chief Judge," replied Mr Michnik. The judge promptly sentenced him to strict regime conditions within the prison: a wooden bed, restricted visits.

Earlier Mr Lis declared that the only ground for their arrest was the authorities' wish for revenge. "That's enough" snapped Judge Zienik. "As far as I'm aware," replied Mr Michnik "Polish Penal Code allows defendants to express themselves." Mr Michnik was led out again.

Lawyers are afraid that the trial will set a precedent for Soviet-style political trials in Poland but there seems nothing very calculated about the Gdansk hearings. Rather, as one excluded trial observer put it, "it is the sum of its own miscalculations".

Chancellor confronts his Bavarian tormentor

From Frank Johnson

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday had a meeting in the Chancellery here with Herr Franz Josef Strauss, his persecutor.

In advance, supporters of the Chancellor and the Bavarian leader used such phrases as "a key talk" to describe the occasion. The two were to have a frank discussion about the difficulties into which the Government has apparently drifted.

But it looked unlikely that it would result in their getting on well together from now on. This is because, in the opinion of many Kohl's friends, and of many neutrals, Herr Strauss is one of the difficulties.

Nominally, Herr Kohl and Herr Strauss are allies in the cause of Christian Democracy. Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Party (CDU) does not campaign in Bavaria. There the cause is embodied in Herr Strauss's Christian Social Union. The CSU has a quota of Government ministers, although these do not include Herr Strauss. He remains Prime Minister of Bavaria, from where he directs the intrigues of his CSU placement here in Bonn.

Lately, Herr Kohl and the Bonn coalition have become unpopular with the voters. No one knows whether this is much more than what happens in most democratic half-way through a term of office. But Herr Kohl's supporters say that, whatever the explanation, Herr Strauss is making the unpopularity worse with a seemingly endless series of interviews each one ruder than the last about the Chancellor. In the most recent, he said Herr Kohl was a mere "office holder".

These interviews have done their work. On the morning he flew off on his visit to Yugoslavia this week, Herr Kohl was pursued by three opinion polls seemingly vying with one another to show how unpopular he had become.

He was literally pursued: for *Blind Zeitung's* man boarded him on the flight for a comment. "The Giant Totters," had been the mass circulation paper's headline that morning, a reference to the opinion polls and to Herr Kohl's physical rather than political stature.

The paper's man on the aircraft reported the next day: "Chancellor Kohl drew himself up, gave me his hand, and said, 'I'm not tottering, even if *Blind* writes it'".

The Kohl faction believes *Blind* to be in league with Herr Strauss.

Yesterday's meeting was expected to be followed by a period of relative calm from Herr Strauss, but it was assumed that he would renew hostilities in the autumn, and perhaps before.

'Committee policing' criticized

From Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter, Bristol

Most people would prefer policing at the discretion of their chief constables rather than policing with the consent of police committees, Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, told a conference of the Association of Chief Police Officers in Bristol yesterday.

In a wide-ranging attack on Whitehall policing assumptions, Mr Anderton, an often controversial chief officer, said Lord Scarman had been right to call for a bond between police and public in his report on the riot in Brixton, south London, but "his error was to mandate consultation".

The police and public relations was best achieved at grassroots level between individuals and officers, Mr Anderton said: "When political bureaucracy intervenes, as it has in a number of places, the impetus for progress slackens."

A chief constable's freedom to act was constrained by the need to consult all and sundry, Mr Anderton said: "There is no doubt in my mind that the

Missing fan finally gets home

Turin (Reuters, AP) A Juventus supporter who vanished after the riot at the European Cup Final in Brussels 10 days ago was reunited with his family in Turin yesterday after a friend saw him wandering aimlessly through the streets.

Signor Marco Manfredi, aged 40, told police he remembered nothing of the riot in which 38 people were killed but recollected travelling through France, Belgium and Italy by train and crossing the Italian border yesterday.

Doctors said that Signor Manfredi apparently suffered a severe shock that caused him to lose his memory. He had not suffered any blows, and apart from his confusion, seemed to be in good health.

Signor Manfredi told police that during his voyage he had been issued with two fines because he had boarded trains without a ticket.

When he arrived in Ventimiglia, a small town on the Ligurian coast just over the French border, he asked police for the train fare. No-one recognized him. After running out of money he was given food by a cook at a hospital in Saint Nazaire, France.

Signor Manfredi, a lorry driver, has told police that he does not remember leaving Turin with other fans of the Italian team, entering the stadium in Brussels, the game, the riots or what happened to him following the game.

EEC gives £6m to speed Sudan aid

From Ian Murray, Brussels

A £6 million deal to help Sudan modernize its dilapidated railway system so that it can carry emergency food aid was signed in Brussels this week.

The money is being supplied by the EEC, which has had technical teams in the country for the past fortnight so that the project can get under way quickly. It is to be used for repairing the rolling stock and improving the permanent way.

In addition to this money the United States is sending locomotive spare parts worth about £2 million to help in the modernization programme.

The work, however, will have to continue for months, whereas the latest reports show that about six million people in western Sudan are dying at the moment from starvation.

Although there is adequate food to meet the crisis in Port Sudan, in the east of the country, there is no easy way of getting this through to the people who need it.

The EEC has had one Belgian Air Force plane ferrying about 20 tonnes a day to the worst hit areas, but this is against an estimated need of 1,000 tonnes a day.

Road transport is totally inadequate and the coming rainy season is expected to make roads impassable. The only solution is to bring in the required food by rail.

The Sudanese authorities have been persuaded in the past few days to accept that food aid must be given priority on the railways and a new system of grouping the wagons carrying food has been introduced.

Smile part of the job judge rules

Fort Worth, Texas (AP) - A federal judge has ruled that the right to dismiss a flight attendant because he did not smile enough at passengers.

US District Judge Robert Belew found Thursday against Robert Cox, aged 38, who sued the airline in 1981 for alleged sex discrimination before his probation as a flight attendant had ended.

Mr Cox, who worked for the airline from November 1974 to April 1975, contended in his suit that he was a good employee and met all requirements of the job.

Judge Belew said he was upholding American Airlines' policy of requiring a "friendly facial expression" because it is essential in the competitive airline industry.

NCB harming morale, Kinnock says

From Tim Jones, Maesteg

The National Coal Board was accused yesterday by Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, of deliberately undermining the morale of the miners in the aftermath of the pit strike.

He said: "There are overall orders, pressures and indications from national level, Ian MacGregor and his deputy James Cowan, that encourage management to make the lives of the workforce, particularly trade unionists, very uncomfortable."

The board under Mr MacGregor was engaged in "macho" management, which would do nothing for the long-term welfare of the industry, he said.

He cited examples, particularly in the Scottish coalfield, where he said the management had deliberately set out to make the normal work of trade union officials as difficult as possible.

"It will only produce resentment which is not a viable basis on which to build a thriving future for the industry," he said.

Mr Kinnock was speaking after emerging from a 90-minute underground inspection of St John's Colliery, near Maesteg, one of several pits in South Wales threatened with closure.

He said there should be a moratorium on any closure programme until the economic and social consequences had been examined. "We would rather keep miners working, getting coal and paying taxes, than see them out of work producing nothing and having to claim dole."

Italian poll on pay cut could end Craxi's term

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Scarcely having emerged from last month's regional and local elections, Italians go to the polls again on Monday and Tuesday in a Communist-inspired referendum on wages policy that has put a question mark over the future of the Government.

The Communist Party's proposal is to abrogate a section of a law approved in April last year which deducted four points

from the complicated system by which wages indexation is calculated. The question put to the electors is long and not easy to understand, but in effect it calls on them to re-instate, by voting "yes", the 27,000 lire (£11) which the law took away from wages and salaries by cancelling the four points. With 44,824,712 Italians entitled to vote, the result will be valid if at least 22,412,357 express a straightforward "yes" or "no".

The significance of the issue has gathered force since the Government failed at the end of last month to find a formula by which the massive mechanism of the referendum could be halted.

All the parties concerned are trying to place the heaviest weight on the importance of the outcome they favour.

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Socialist Prime Minister, who pronounced the referendum "useless, iniquitous and damaging", has said that if the wage

indexation law is abrogated he will go to the President with his resignation "a minute later".

Such grand verbal gestures are usually greeted with a great pinch of salt. The Government may well resign if the "yes" vote wins, but because voting in the new presidential election begins in Parliament on June 24, the Prime Minister would as a matter of courtesy have to offer his resignation to the new incumbent of the Quirinale Palace.

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At that point Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Birmingham, Lab) said Mr Hooson had been a great advocate in the House on the life issues and had voted in all divisions in favour of life issues.

Does he not think that use of this procedure in this way (the Bill) does a great disservice to his memory?

Mr Skinner: I got Mr Campbell-Savours has taken a bit of a cheek because he was part of a small unit in this House that was proposing to change the business of the day and many people, including myself, thought it was an abuse of procedure. Now he is coming along and trying to charge me with something I plead not guilty to.

On the subject of genetic engineering, it was odd that Mr Powell, the master scientist, should be pottering about with the embryonic member for Brighton, Kempton - Mr Andrew Bowden. That could be an issue in the by-election, he added.

It was a good idea to keep the Government up all over the weekend but he was not so keen about keeping backbench MPs up. (Laughter.)

The by-election would be lively all about how monetarism had failed, the Prime Minister's brand of monetarism. Standing on one's own feet went out with Robinson Crusoe. He had had to get Man Friday to bail him out. (Renewed laughter.)

The House of Commons (he continued) is an unusual place. There are a lot of heartaches and a few blessings. You come in one morning and the unexpected happens, and in a way it is reinvigorating. Today has been one of those unusual days.

It was started by Mr Powell who put the cat among the pigeons, even though it has been done in Mr Bowden's name. But Mr Powell would agree that there are occasions when you win and there are days when you lose. I have a sinking feeling that this day will belong to those of us arguing for this writ.

MPs laughed again when Mr Skinner said he had gone to Mr Ian Mikardo (Bew and Poplar, Lab) and

asked him what the chances were for today. But Mr Mikardo had said there was no book because the odds were so long.

I am not trying (he concluded) to score a victory by seven or eight lines, a short head will do.

Mr Douglas Regg (Gwent, Con) said Mr Skinner had done them a great service. For too long the moving of writs has been the subject of a cosy relationship between the whips on both sides of the House. However, he was against its issue now - (laughter) - as he was a constitutionalist.

In principle the Conservative Party was anxious to have a by-election. It was a good moment for the Government to answer criticisms of it.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) said that what was likely to damage the prospects of the Conservative Party in the forthcoming by-election was the addition of ministers to the Warpedwood report and hostility to Mr Powell's Bill.

Mr Hogg said opposition to the Bill did not emanate solely from the Treasury bench. It was widely opposed throughout the House.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Denton and Reddish, Lab) said there was growing concern that there ought to be an automatic procedure, an automatic set of rules, to resolve these matters in future.

Mr Stephen Dorrell (Loughborough, C) said he hoped MPs would not confuse haste with democracy, and would ensure the election was not so speeded up that the candidates and campaign were not given a proper airing.

Mr Peter Shore, for the Opposition, said the people of Brecon and Radnor were anxious to be represented again as quickly as possible.

They also wish to have an opportunity (he said) to pass their own judgment upon the Government and I think the country would wish that also, because there is a strong wish throughout Britain that an opportunity should be provided to fire a warning shot across the

bows of the Government as it plunges ever further into controversial and damaging policies in this Parliament.

But having listened carefully he believed on this occasion at least the case had not been established that the by-election would be unreasonably delayed. There was not the evidence he would need to convince him that that was the case. For that reason he urged Mr Skinner to withdraw his motion.

After Mr Skinner had unsuccessfully sought to do this, Mr James Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, said the Government would be standing by established convention so far as the calling of by-elections was concerned by holding it within four months of the vacancy occurring. There is no question (he said) of the Government doing other than abiding by that convention.

Convention also established that it was the responsibility of the chief whip of the party holding the seat to move the writ. The motion was attempting to substitute Mr Skinner.

With all the generosity in the world (he said) I do not call that a fair swap and I cannot recommend it to the House.

He advised the House to abide by convention and not to accept the motion. He then moved as an

amendment that the House do pass to the orders of the day.

Mr Ian Mikardo (Bew and Poplar, Lab) said he opposed the amendment because the orders of the day contained a motion that was an abuse of the privileges of the House. As such it contained the seeds of a dangerous precedent which could affect the rights of private members to present Bills. It was a crooked piece of procedure.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) said Mr Skinner's motion to consider the writ was a proper priority.

Mr Crouch agreed that MPs sometimes neglected to consider the servants of the House who worked about or not.

But it is not only the House servants (he continued) who would be put to inconvenience in not knowing where they are but the servants of my own house, namely my wife. (Loud laughter.)

He had spoken to her last night and she had asked him if he would be in for dinner, or for breakfast on Saturday, and whether she should buy a joint for lunch at the weekend. What about supper on Saturday? He had to tell her he did not know.

His wife was wondering desperately if she would see him later tonight or much later.

Mr Kenneth Carlisle (Lincoln, C) said amid laughter: But Mr Crouch has not said whether his wife wants to see this new procedure come about or not.

Mr Crouch said he would consult his wife on that but he hoped his remarks about servants in his house would not be reported, because they might be misinterpreted at home (laughter).

At 12.40pm Mr Peter Brundage (Leicester, East, C) successfully moved closure of the debate and his closure motion was carried by 201 votes to 109 - majority 92. Mr Biffen's amendment was then carried by 225 votes to 86 - majority 139, and the motion, as amended, was agreed to without a division.

By then it was after 1pm and Mr Ian Mikardo then led the presentation of a series of petitions to the House, a large proportion of which were urging defeat of Mr Powell's Bill. Mr Mikardo presented three relating to conditions in Tower Hamlets.

Other petitions were presented by: Mr Terence Davis (Birmingham Hodge Hill, Lab); Miss Joan Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab); Mr David Cynon (Cynon Valley, Lab); Mr William Hamilton (Fife Central, Lab); Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab); Mr Harry Cohen (Lepton, Lab); Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab); Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl, C); Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab); Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab); Ms Jo Richardson (Barking, Lab); Mr Dafydd Thomas (Merionydd Nant Conwy, Pl, C); Mr Jerry Wiggin (Western-super-Mare, C); Mr David Neillan (Coventry South East, Lab); Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C); Dr Michael Clark (Rochford, C), and Mrs Margaret Beckett (Derby South, Lab).

Mr Bowden then moved his motion that Mr Powell's Bill be proceeded with until any hour. He rejected accusations that he had abused the procedures of the House; he had used them as other MPs had legitimately done today, but his integrity had been attacked.

Backbenchers should forget the Bill for a moment. If they were not careful they would hand over, bound hand and foot, all powers to decide on the future of private members' Bills to the Government. No such Bill, unless it was uncontroversial, would have any chance of getting through.

Mr Michael Foot (Bleasau Gwent, Lab) then moved an amendment which opposed this on the grounds that it would breach the longstanding practice to sit on Saturdays and Sundays only in a national crisis.

He said he did not blame Mr Bowden for introducing his motion. Everyone had the right to use the procedures for their own ends. But the motion's consequences would be far from beneficial for backbenchers. They would be utterly ruinous would render the Bill ineffective from the start.

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The Government is to maintain resistance to changing the principal clause of the Sexual Offences Bill to prohibit kerb crawling, by opposing the introduction of an element of persistence to the new offence.

Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State, Home Office, said, in the second reading debate on the Bill in the House of Lords, that there could be no reason to add persistence to the clause because it would render it otiose. There would be reliance on the second clause of the Bill, to deal with persistent soliciting in or out of a car.

The view of the Criminal Law Revision Committee and of the Government was that that would not deal with kerb crawling and

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Last-ditch Zapu court action fails to delay elections in Zimbabwe

From Jan Raath, Harare

The high court here has rejected an urgent application by Zapu, the opposition party led by Mr Joshua Nkomo, for a postponement of nomination day for prospective candidates. Granting the request would have led to a delay in the elections, scheduled for July 1 and 2 for black voters, and June 27 for the white electorate.

Assembly had not yet been published and without the roll, candidates had no way of knowing who the voters were or where they were registered. Zimbabwe's electoral law requires each candidate's nomination paper to be endorsed by at least 10 voters who are registered in the constituency the candidate wishes to stand.

Yesterday, however, before a court crowded with Zapu officials and the other opposition parties equally interested in the issue, Mr Justice Mfilla said: "There is no basis in law for this court to declare them (the proclamation and supporting legislation) illegal."

The proclamations were strictly in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, and to declare an act of the state executive *ultra vires* would be "an usurpation of state functions," he ruled.

Mr Nkomo's lawyers immediately gave notice of appeal, which is likely to be heard today.

Israel sows confusion over extent of pull-back

From Christopher Walker, Rosh Hanikra

The phantom nature of the week's promised Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon was underlined on the border yesterday as soldiers and undercover men continued to cross northwards to operate in the 12-mile deep "security" zone which will remain indefinitely under indirect Israeli control.

Although the military censor prevented some news agencies from transmitting reports that more tanks were heading into Lebanon than were leaving on the day the announcement was made that the evacuation was complete, information about the lack of realistic pull-back is beginning to trickle into the Israeli press.

Defence officials were quoted yesterday as saying the main reason why the pull-back had not taken place as promised was because Israel's proxy militia, the mainly Christian "south Lebanon army," had suddenly and unexpectedly begun to disintegrate.

As part of the attempt to disguise the full extent of its cross-border involvement, the Israeli Army had begun refuelling its scores of vehicles still in Lebanon from giant tankers, which have been hastily sprayed in the distinctive grey used by the SLA.

UN observers have noted similar repainting of a number of other Israeli vehicles, including armoured troop carriers. The play is one of the main reasons why no exact figures are available about how many Israelis are staying in Lebanon.

By yesterday, none of the 10 joint Israeli-SLA fortified positions inside the zone patrolled by the UN had been dismantled.



Departing gift: An Israeli woman soldier giving flowers to army engineers as they arrived at a party meant to celebrate the withdrawal from Lebanon.

Cash for farmers to produce no milk

From Ian Murray, Knokke

The EEC's controversial milk quota scheme can probably be wound up by 1989, Mr Frans Andriessen, the Agriculture Commissioner, said here yesterday. It will be achieved largely by paying farmers not to produce milk.

The Commission is also investigating other ways of paying farmers to produce less so that their incomes can be maintained even if they sell smaller quantities for lower prices.

The milk quota scheme, introduced last year, has caused fierce resentment among dairy farmers throughout Europe. The Community has been spending more per pint to get rid of surplus milk than the farmer has been paid for the milk itself.

Mr Andriessen said that the quota scheme had succeeded in reducing production of milk powder last year by 370,000 tonnes and that estimates for this year were for further 200,000 tonnes cutback. This meant there was a 25 per cent reduction over just two years.

Mr Andriessen was less optimistic about controlling cereal production. Estimates showed that 1985 would set a new world record and the Community was expected to harvest around 131 million tonnes. This would create serious disposal problems.

Namibia assembly date set

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A "transitional government of national unity" is to be inaugurated in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, (South West Africa) on June 17.

The South African Administrator-General, Dr Willie Van Niekerk, said in Windhoek yesterday that government departments and schools in the territory would be closed to enable workers and students to attend the ceremony.

Mr F. W. Botha, the South African President, will preside and sign a document setting out the new government's powers, which will exclude defence, foreign affairs and internal security. These will remain in the hands of the South Africans.

The new government will be a 62-member national assembly will require the signature of the administrator-general. Seats on the assembly will be shared between six local political parties, including one representing the 75,000 whites in Namibia's otherwise black population of 1,051,700.

Alfred Lata, and Piet Mtambo, were jailed for 10 years and five years respectively by the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday for killing a white baby boy during last year's unrest.

In another case, Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, agreed to pay £15,400 to the children of Mr Saul Mkhize, a black community leader killed as he addressed a protest meeting by a white police constable on April 2, 1983.

Two black youths, Themba

Senate votes \$38m aid for Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan has won a partial but important victory in the senate for his plan to bolster the Nicaraguan Contra rebels, who are being driven back by one of the most concerted offensives mounted by the Sandinista army.

The Senate approved by 55 votes to 42 the provision of \$38 million (\$29 million) of "humanitarian aid" for the rebels over the next two years.

President Reagan wanted money for guns and ammunition, but senators were adamantly opposed to further military entanglement in the five-year guerrilla war.

The house of representatives will consider a plan next week to provide \$27 million, extending only until spring. Unlike the Senate proposal, the House version - which looks likely to be approved - ensures that the Central Intelligence Agency would have no role in distributing the money.

Most Democratic lawmakers are still angry that the CIA helped to attack the Nicaraguan oil terminal port of Corinto in late 1983.

The final plan for helping the guerrillas will be worked out in a House-Senate conference. It is almost certain to place clearly defined limits on how aid is to be used, but there are grey areas that congressmen admit they cannot clarify, such as whether petrol and uniforms can truly be said to be "humanitarian". A certain amount of informal case-by-case congressional monitoring is probable.

The Senate debate on the Contras has focused attention on whether President Reagan has contingency plans to send combat troops to Nicaragua. A few months ago most lawmakers saw no such likelihood. Now there are more doubts.

Even Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State - usually a man of temperate language - has said the US might face the "agonizing" question of whether to commit troops to Nicaragua.

MANAGUA: President Ortega said the Senate vote was a slap in the face not only for Nicaragua but for all of Latin America as well as North American people who had shown themselves to be against the "warlike" policies of their government (Alan Tomlinson writes).

He saw no difference between arms for the Contras and humanitarian aid, such as food, which amounted to logistical support. Since the aid, now proposed was to be administered through the US National Security Council, or, in other words, he said, through the CIA, he was sure the Contras would be receiving weapons.

"The lives of Nicaraguans are not of much importance to the North American president, nor are the lives of North American youth."

Mr Reagan's support for the Contras, together with his "systematic sabotage" of the Contadora peace process, were creating the conditions for direct US military intervention.

Uproar at reprieve for killers

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Already under heavy fire for its liberal tendencies, the California Supreme Court has come under fresh criticism for overturning four death sentences, including two imposed in child-murder cases.

As a result of reversing the gas-chamber rulings, the state's highest court has now overturned 33 death penalties since capital punishment was reinstated in California in 1977.

The reversals prompted strong criticism from prosecutors.

Only three gas-chamber cases have been affirmed by the court, which is headed by Chief Justice Rose Bird. By a four-to-two margin the court overturned the sentence on Theodore Frank, convicted of the murder of a two-year-old girl. Frank, who had a history of child molestating, tortured the child before mutilating and killing her.

Doctors in Czech bribe case jailed

Prague (AP) - Two doctors were sentenced to prison terms of six months and 17 months for taking bribes from patients needing treatment, the Communist Party newspaper Rude Pravo reported yesterday.

Publication of the cases is in line with a recent crackdown on bribery and corruption.

The newspaper said Dr Ivo Gutvirch, a noted gynaecologist and head physician of Podborany Hospital in North Bohemia, was found guilty of taking money and other goods from patients.

He had earlier received a suspended sentence, but the Minister of Justice overturned the ruling and jailed him for six months with a £470 fine.

Dr Vaclav Bracht, of Chodov, also in North Bohemia, was sentenced to 17 months and expelled from the Communist Party for a long list of petty bribes.

Medical care is free in Czechoslovakia, but the habit of paying "attention money" to physicians is widespread.

Agca refuses to testify because of KGB 'threat'

Rome (AP) - Mehmet Ali Agca, the prosecution's star witness, refused to testify yesterday about what he called a conspiracy to kill the Pope because he said he felt threatened by the Soviet KGB and Bulgaria.

He also said he invented some of the things he told investigators, but he did not elaborate.

Much of the case against the three Bulgarians and four other Turks accused with Agca of plotting to kill the Pope is based on what he told investigators. He shot and wounded the Pope four years ago, in Rome, and is serving a life sentence.

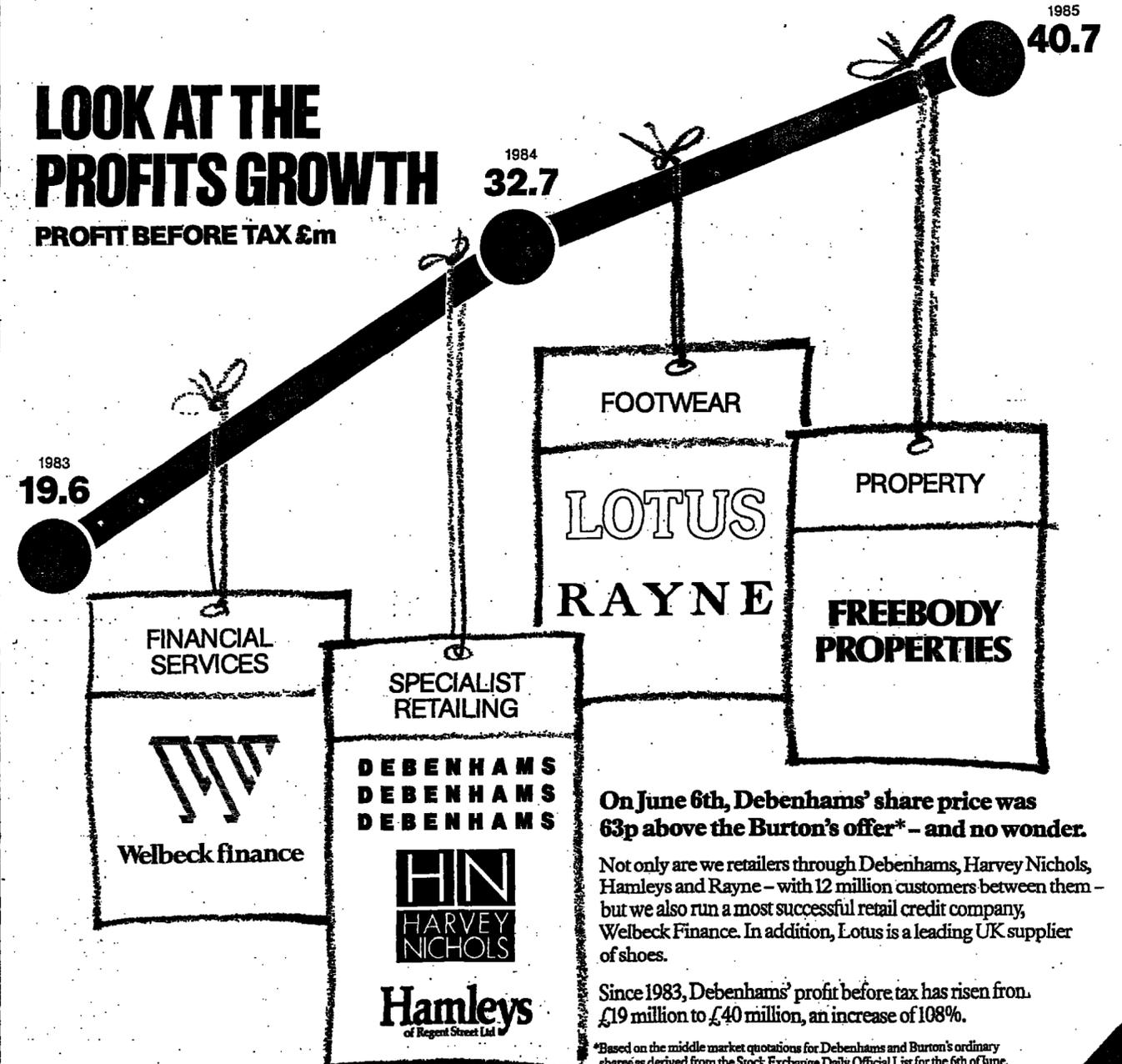
Yesterday, when Judge Severino Santalupich asked him to name people he claimed had planned the attack in Bulgaria, Agca refused.

"Now the KGB is threatening me; the Bulgarian state is threatening me now. I cannot say."

He then rambled about a visit to the Vatican by a Bulgarian official who met the Pope three days before the trial opened. The prosecutor, Signor Antonio Marini, shouted at him to stick to the facts. Defence attorneys shouted back: "Let him speak, let him speak." The judge angrily warned all the lawyers to remain silent.

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Star Wars progress

US able to show off its missile killer by 1988, says Reagan aide

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Dr George Keyworth, science adviser to President Reagan, is confident that by the end of 1986 the United States will be able to demonstrate technology to show that the US could develop a weapon to shoot down the entire Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) fleet as it tried to enter space.

He said: "Actual weapons deployment would only occur after a thorough comparison of possible approaches and, certainly, only after a deliberate decision by the President and the Congress, as well as consultation with our allies."

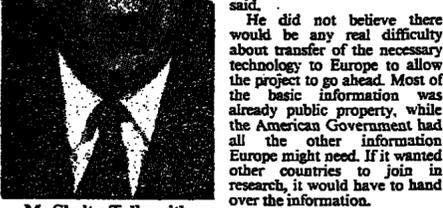
Dr Keyworth told Congressmen the demonstration would make it clear to Soviet military planners that it would be only a matter of time and determination before the US could render the ICBM useless as an offensive weapon.

"That is why the demonstration itself is so important and that is why we want to achieve it as soon as possible. That's also why it would be such a foolish bargain to trade away our Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) promise for token reductions in ICBM."

Dr Keyworth said that since the SDI initiative, otherwise known as "Star Wars", was announced by President Reagan in March, 1983, there had been a continuous stream of advances in computers, optics, manufacturing, materials and lasers.

"As an example, we might demonstrate the total laser power we would need for one possible kind of system before President Reagan leaves office."

"Just two years ago that level of power was predicted to be far away as the year 2,000. And



Mr Shultz Talks with Mrs Thatcher.

just in the past few weeks we have learned of two extremely promising new laser techniques from people at our national laboratories.

The most important part of the SDI programme was to develop the capability for "boost-phase defence" - the destruction of Soviet ICBM during their first few minutes of flight.

The SDI and the Middle East dominated a meeting between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State at Downing Street last night (Henry Stanhope writes).

Mr Shultz visited No 10 after arriving in London from the Nato Council meeting in Portugal.

He was here chiefly to meet the American negotiators from the Geneva arms talks and US ambassadors from all over Europe.

Lieutenant-General James Abrahamson, director of the SDI, joined the Geneva team in briefing the envoys on progress both on Star Wars research and the arms talks.

The ambassadors are thought to have returned the compliment by giving the Washington-based officials an updated view of European attitudes to SDI.

General Abrahamson later addressed a meeting of the Women and Families for Defence organization in London.

"There will be little or no spin-offs from Star Wars research which can be put to civilian use, Mr Louis Brandebach, vice-president of the American computer company International Business Machines, told a conference in Mastercity this week. (Ian Murray writes).

If European countries or companies wanted to join the programme they should do so only if they wanted to contribute to the collective security of the West, he said. They should certainly not expect to derive any commercial benefit from it.

The programme was far from being clear and a great deal of invention needed to be done before it could be practical, he said.

He did not believe there would be any real difficulty about transfer of the necessary technology to Europe to allow the project to go ahead. Most of the basic information was already public property, while the American Government had all the other information Europe might need. If it wanted other countries to join in research, it would have to hand over the information.

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Wolfgang Gerhardt, the man Brazilian police believe was Josef Mengele, in a group photograph discovered at the home of Wolfram and Liselotte Bossert, the Austrian couple who say they harboured the Nazi fugitive and arranged his burial after seeing him drown in 1979.

Gandhi murder trial hears motive plea

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

According to his lawyer, Satwant Singh did not kill Mrs Indira Gandhi. "Satwant Singh did not shoot," Mr P. N. Lekhi told Judge Mahesh Chandra in the makeshift courtroom in Tihar Jail, Delhi's central prison.

Describing himself as the only Indian with the courage to speak of this, Mr Lekhi pointed an accusatory finger at Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister. Without actually saying that Mr Gandhi was behind his mother's murder, Mr Lekhi asked who had the motive for killing her.

"Who gained most?" Mr Lekhi asked. "I am always asking myself who gained from shortening the life of Mrs Gandhi."

Castigating "the unnatural behaviour" of her son, Mr Lekhi said that "someone was to blame. That someone may be very, very far away. He didn't even drop a tear when he heard the news."

While Mr Lekhi said this, Satwant, a young policeman from Mrs Gandhi's own security staff, looked frowning at the floor inside the glass box.

protecting him from the sweating lawyers and reporters packing the 40 by 20 ft room.

Mr Lekhi also tried to have the three accused - Satwant and Albir Singh and Kehar Singh, who are charged with conspiring with him - instantly discharged because, he said, the charge sheet was drawn up and signed by someone improperly appointed.

He said the senior police officers who investigated Mrs Gandhi's murder came from outside the Delhi force and two of them did not have their accession to their new posts gazetted.

One of the two, Mr Desraj Gakhar, signed the charge sheet. "An illegal act," Mr Lekhi said. "This honourable court cannot take judicial notice of what has been placed before it by way of charge sheet," he said. "And if this is so the all the accused must be discharged."

Mr Lekhi suggested the police officers had been secretly appointed to conduct the inquiry so they could act as "marionettes or puppets" of the police anxious to conceal the truth about the assassination.

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Thatcher briefed by Husain

From Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent

King Husain of Jordan, disappointed by Israel's rejection of his Middle East peace initiative, promised to keep on trying as he left Downing Street yesterday after 75 minutes of talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

He said that the meeting at which they discussed his recent visit to Washington, had been a good one. But there was no early indication of how far Mrs Thatcher had been able to go in providing more than moral support for his proposals.

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German letters vital link in Mengele 'find'

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

The examination of the exhumed remains of the body thought to be that of Josef Mengele is continuing in the São Paulo police forensic laboratory. No report is expected for at least two weeks.

The first information that Mengele might be in São Paulo came from the West German authorities after the discovery of letters, documents and an address book belonging to a friend of Mengele, Hans Selmeier.

He was arrested at the end of May in the German town of Guntzberg, where the Mengele family have their farm implement company.

One address and telephone number was that of the home of an Austrian couple, Wolfram and Liselotte Bossert, and there were letters from them making reference to Mengele. The couple have said that the dead man was Mengele, who had a passport in the name of Helmut Gregor. Mengele had told them his true identity in 1972, three years after they first met.

The Bosserts, who say they were present at Mengele's drowning in the sea near here in 1979, say that his son, Rolf, visited his father in 1977 and after his death, when he took away possessions and documents.

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80 dead and 200 missing in Sri Lanka violence

Colombo (AP) - More than 80 people were killed and 200 others were missing and feared dead in the Muttur area of Trincomalee in Sri Lanka's troubled Eastern Province. Many have been made homeless.

The latest violence followed earlier attacks by Tamil separatists on three east coast villages and a West Coast government-owned radio station, newspaper reports said.

The village of Kilivedi was understood to have suffered the most damage in this week's attacks. Newspapers did not specify which side - the majority Sinhalese or the minority Tamils - had launched the attacks or suffered the most casualties.

Smokeless zone

Paris (AP) - Taxis here may soon be classified for smokers or non-smokers, a move the drivers have sought for years. The National Assembly was told there would be a decision soon formally applying a public transport no-smoking law to taxis.

Pope down under

Canberra (Reuters) - The Pope will visit Australia in November next year the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Lionel Bowen, said here. He said the Pope hoped to visit all states, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

New state

The Hague (Reuters) - The Dutch Parliament's lower house has passed legislation which will lead to the small Caribbean island of Aruba, off the coast of Venezuela. The upper house is expected to follow suit later this month.

Bodies found

Montreal (AFP) - The bound, bullet-riddled corpses of five members of Hell's Angels have been found in the St. Lawrence River. Each was in a sleeping bag weighted down with concrete blocks.

Birds poisoned

Delhi (AP) - Irrate farmers in central India poisoned about 100 peacocks that had been feasting on their crops, the Indian Express reported. The peacock is India's protected national bird.

Priest freed

Paris (AP) - An Irish priest, Father John Kingstone, aged 37, kidnapped in Angola on May 26 by Unita forces, has been freed. A French monk was killed in the ambush in which he was captured.

Save the tiger

Taipei (Reuters) - Taiwan has banned imports of tigers to curb islanders' appetite for their meat. It follows the recent slaughter of scores of tigers and the sale of their meat in markets.

Fakes seized

Venice (AP) - Twenty paintings falsely attributed to Van Gogh, Degas, Manet and other masters were seized in a flat in Padua. The flat owner and an antique dealer were held for questioning.

Fatal crash

Sydney (AP) - A light plane crashed in a Sydney suburb and burst into flames on impact, killing all six people on board. It came down in a paddock not far from the airport.

Officer killed

Pretoria (AFP) - A 21-year-old South African Army officer died in a clash with Swapo guerrillas in Namibia's war zone, an army spokesman said.

Police of Indian states in three-day shootout

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

A shooting war has broken out in the remote hills in the east of India. The war is not between India and its neighbours though, but between two adjoining Indian states.

Assam and Nagaland have had a border dispute for many years, which in 1979 led to bloodshed as Naga villagers killed 188 Assamese. This time, however, the shooting was between the different state police forces, and at least 25 policemen are reported to have been killed in the clash.

The respective chief ministers of the states were ordered by Mr S. B. Chavan, the Indian Home Minister, to get together in Imphal, the capital of neighbouring Manipur.

Last night, a Delhi official said that the two chief ministers had agreed on a ceasefire.

The police battle went on for three days.

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Spy scandal raises fears for US submarine force

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The deepening scandal of the Walker family spy ring has shaken US confidence in the security and supremacy of its strategic submarine force. The full extent of the damage may never be known, but the military and intelligence establishment is having to assume the worst in planning counter-measures.

The US has long feared that advanced Soviet radar and satellite technology is capable of pinpointing the whereabouts of the "secret fleet" - the 35 Poseidon and Trident submarines, each armed with 16 to 24 multi-warhead missiles, enough to destroy the Soviet Union several times over. The Walker case adds another dimension to that fear.

The Navy is studying urgently the precise counter-measures that will be required.

One of the "more extreme possibilities is that the US will have to change sections of the undersea network of sound detectors that help track Russian submarine movements. The Soviet Union would dearly like to know the precise location of the devices, which were laid in the 1950s and 1960s at enormous cost.

The nuclear submarine fleet is regarded by the US as the least vulnerable of the three elements of its strategic defence - the others being the land-based ballistic missiles and the B-52 manned bombers. The US investment in submarines is phenomenal. The Polaris class was succeeded by Poseidon submarines, which are now being replaced by Tritons. A number of extensively-modernized Polaris vessels are still in operation.

Mr Caspan Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, described the damage from the alleged Walker spy ring as "very serious losses that went on over a long period of time". He planned to reduce the number of people who had access to secret information.

He told The New York Times: "The number of people who have clearance is too large." His spokesman said the bureaucratic machinery for dealing with applications for official clearance to handle "secret" and "top secret" material is inadequate for the task - resulting frequently in cursory investigations into a person's suitability.

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Television Terkel's tribe

Studs Terkel, in Omnibus (BBC 1), explained that he was looking for "quintessential truth"; his technique is one generally known as conversation but which in more professional circles is described as "oral history".

Relaxed observer of the variety of life

For some forty years John Amis has been part of British musical life as writer, administrator, friend and confidant of musicians. Now he has told all - or almost all - in his autobiography Amiscellany published on Monday (Faber and Faber, £12.50)

Interview by Nicholas Kenyon

"I had a wonderful time with Michael Tippett at the Malvern Festival the other day, and at dinner he said (picture of warm embrace), and it was so typical of him, 'Dear John, it is lovely to see you occasionally'."

review for him: that was how all those years started. So a lot of it has been happy accidents.

"My original idea in this book was to do sort of updated Aubrey's Brief Lives about all the musicians I've known. It had to get into some of the sticky corners - why did Edward Clark and Benjamin Frankel get at loggerheads and all that - because I do think that explains a lot about why things happen in the musical world and very little's been written about this period."

John Amis has indeed led a varied musical life. It is perhaps ironic that he should have become widely known in recent years on the panel game My Music on Radio 4 and television, since his involvement in musical life goes back much deeper.

"But in the end I came down to my own recollections, especially about those figures who haven't had a great deal written about them: Hoffnung has, I suppose, but Donald Swann hasn't [they were at school together, but neither was at school together]."

Anthony Hopkins wrote a wedding cantata for us which had some fine in it, I can't quite remember, to the effect that 'he loved music well and he loved musicians as much'.

Amis is an extremely good observer of people: a brilliant mimic, as many such observers are, and an unusually sympathetic interviewer. The stories about him are legion: the most typical pictures him in full imitative flood in the Dartington summer school office, mimicking a famous harpichordist's



John Amis: the ability to cause a smile at an awkward moment.

Radio Hard home truths

Much of the time I listen to radio's output in the attitude of the earnest Young Inquirer - eyes wide, mouth open, credulousness at the ready. The rest of the time I listen in the guise of the Seasoned Sceptic. What decides between the two may hinge on what I had for breakfast, or the state of the weather, or the quality of the signal.

these people came in for some disparagement, no one challenged the disparager. I do not think that it was entirely because of such aggravation that I had by then begun to notice how this discussion was centring more and more on the need for masses of money (from where, pray?) that researchers and other workers may continue to do masses more of exactly what they are doing now. It may also be indicative that the links between what we eat and how we feel receive more attention from Derek Cooper and his Food Programme than from the radio medics and scientists.

If documentaries and investigations are almost by definition aimed at us who walk in darkness, drama has the advantage that it works over areas in which most of us have at least some experience - enough anyway to recognize a part of what is going on. For instance, few people may ever have lived in a household such as that now available for inspection in Ivy Compton-Burnett's Daughters and Sons (Radio 4, Sundays, repeating Fridays; director Liane Aulkin) nor are, nor ever were, family conversations conducted in such carefully wrought phraseology, but we understand as well as we need the basic conditions of vanity, attention-seeking, wilfulness, venom and so forth of which this apparently bizarre concoction is the expression. John Spurling's adaptation and the production as a whole made a slightly creaky start, but they had run in by the second episode and now, with one more part to come, the whole thing is moving with great assurance and suppleness.

In Wales, as in Scotland, they run their own drama unit which often contributes to the networks but occasionally provides material audible only within the region. A first series of six such regional plays ended recently with Greg Cullen's Taken Out (May 22; director Adrian Mourby), which was notable for being based on the Falklands War and in particular on the surprise attack on the Sir Galahad which killed and injured so many Welsh Guardsmen. Precious little glory of war here in an inventive play dwelling on the pain of the bereaved and the pointlessness of slaughter. Fair enough, but the question remains and Mr Cullen simply ignored it: when the other man insists on force of arms, what do you do?

David Wade

Concerts Harmless but charmless

Northern Music Theatre Theatre Royal, Bath

Just about the only phenomenon in twentieth century music that Charles Ives failed to invent was music theatre, but now Northern Music Theatre has put that right. The idea of assembling a sequence of his songs to make a cabaret entertainment must have seemed irresistible, and at the beginning of last night's performance I really thought it was going to work.

Dramatic performance here made the original stimulus - boyish ebullience, metaphysical pondering or whatever - offensively raw, conversely "Puritan Camp" played as a "Puritan Camp" played as a "Puritan Camp" could have made little sense to anyone innocent of the story it illustrates. The inadequate programme details may also be held responsible for what I offer simply as a comment on Ives's Americanness: the fact that a US couple behind me thought they had been listening to Satie.

Paul Griffiths

Having the actors of Renard appear as judo men with animal masks showed more sensitivity, but it was sad to see their inventiveness going off at half cock.

Sophisticated singers

The King's Consort Queen Elizabeth Hall

The second generation of baroque groups that play in period style is already with us. Although some faces in The King's Consort are familiar from the pioneering days of the seventies, young directors like Robert King now have at their disposal a small number of players just out of college who, on this evidence, are able to deliver results every bit as good as those obtained by Messrs Pinnock and Hogwood.

versary celebrations, concentrating instead on the music of Vivaldi, but supplemented with a concerto grosso each by Corelli and Geminiani. There was nothing here to augment the old fallacy that the music of this time and place all sounds the same. Coordination was exemplary, but more to the point, every gesture seemed spontaneous. Catherine Mackintosh, the Consort's leader, and one of the more experienced hands present, gave Vivaldi's Violin Concerto, Op 4 No 1, with a cultivated passion of which the composer would surely have approved, while in the two concerti grossi, Geminiani's busily adventurous Op 3 No 3 and Corelli's typically polished Op 6 No 1, her colleague Roy Goodman contributed to a sophisticated partnership.

But the highest points in the evening were undoubtedly the two Vivaldi solo motets, Nisi Dominus and Laudate pueri, each an ingenious and colourful masterpiece, and each demanding singers of immense accomplishment. King, happily, had engaged two who are also among the most stylish exponents of baroque music.

In Nisi Dominus the counter-tenor Christopher Robson, showed impressive control over a wide dynamic range as well as an unusually rich timbre, and fluid technique. These same qualities, richness included, were evident in Emma Kirkby's astonishing performance of Laudate pueri. No other singer, I suggest, could rise to the formidable technical challenges of this work with such accuracy and ebullience. A fitting end to a fine concert.

Stephen Pettitt

complaint 'I hear there's an imitation of me going around', only to be approached from behind by the gentleman in question. More genuine, and a better measure of the man, is the sight of him quelling back-stage nerves before countless concerts as one well-known pianist put it, 'Amis is just the most relaxing person to have around at that moment'.

His musical enthusiasms emerge surprisingly rarely in the book. "Perhaps I should have said more about music, but then it would have been a different book. I think for pleasure I would listen to Janáček, Szymanowski, Martinu, Tippett, Britten..." But he was heavily involved in contemporary music with the CPN after the war, and was he not caught up with Glock's pioneering work at Dartington? "Caught up? Caught, yes, I hated a lot of the stuff that was done, and there was a dreadful moment in the middle of John Cage's Piano Concerto when I just thought 'oh this has gone on long enough' and pulled out the light. I

don't think anyone realized what had happened."

Among the several chequered episodes in the Amis career was his attempt had failure to become a singer. "It seemed worth a go if what I'd been told might happen could happen; a Heidentenor was a rare beast, and there was also the attraction that most of my friends were on the other side of the footlights. I don't regret trying, and I suppose in the end all the training was just ideal for 60-second spots on My Music!" That was another happy accident, succeeding David Franklin, which has worked well. "Yes, and I think it works so well because we don't have a lot to do with each other socially, and we make it a point for instance not to travel around together because we'd tell all the stories in the car instead of on the programme." Any behind-the-scenes drama? "There is some grit in the mixture, but I wouldn't go into that. Three of the four of us have written about the programme, and it's quite amusing

how we hand out the prizes to each other..."

There is a line in his book about Britten's behaviour in some personal incident: "Geniuses are exceptional, aren't they? They can break the rules." Did Amis mean that as an accusation? "No, I think it's true. You do make allowances and it's only natural. I never had that amount of talent, so it's only right I should be a second fiddle, and attendant lord or whatever that's the contribution I've made." Still many musicians would say that the Amis talent - the ability to cause a smile at an awkward moment, the ability to make a performer of a composer explain himself and communicate with a wider audience - is one of the most valuable around. And for the future: "I'd like to do more television; I think that worked well. And I do a lot of talks and lectures now, and love meeting people, but I think it's a pity that just because I'm on My Music I should get an audience twice as big as a string quartet..."

Gallery Evocative enchantments in Italy

To every country its own kitsch. Given that the vast majority of the 80 odd dealers in Milan's first International d'Arte Contemporanea were Italian, and that naturally selling is the name of the game at any art fair, the main interest for a visitor was to see just what sold, or was expected to sell, in Italy now.

Mostly, it would seem, the "modern classics" of Italian art: several de Chiricos on every stand that presented an anthology (could any human being, no matter how long his career, have painted so much, so repetitiously?). Sironi, Campigli, Carrà and so forth. The best and most authentic-looking works of Chirico were with La Medusa, which on the whole avoided the direct Fifties copies of pre-First World War paintings, and the later works that outdo Pittura Colta at its campiest; elsewhere de Chirico looks like the grand master of deliberate kitsch.

Even so, it is educational to see together a number of works by twentieth-century painters less well known abroad, like Sassu, and find that, fittingly in a city which boasts crazed works of architectural Post-Modernism dating from the Thirties and Fifties as well as the Eighties, it has all been happening here continuously since the turn of the century. Otherwise buyers' taste seems to be slightly period - good but dated painters like Matta and Lan are prominently featured, and the continuing popularity of Italian Metaphysical painting tells its own story.

Now that the eight-day fair is over, there are still substantial reasons for being in Milan to look at art. The most enchanting, and in its way inventive, show is Intorno al Flauto Magico at the Palazzo della Permanente until July 21. This documents styles in production of Mozart's opera from the beginning up to date, with an amazing wealth of original designs - everyone from Schinkel and assorted Quaglios to Kokoschka and Chagall seems to have tried his hand at it (though no sign of Hockney). The organizers have also had the happy thought of encouraging a dozen contemporaries to take the opera as their starting point, including Fetting, Paladino, Koumellis and our own Stephen Cox, who comes up with a characteristically magical shattered wall-painting.

Elsewhere Milan seems to be having a Tapies festival, with a show at the Palazzo Reale and five local commercial galleries dealing with different aspects. More interesting, though, are two in the end not so different shows, a large-scale evocation of George Grosz's anni di Berlino at the Palazzo Reale

until July 28 and a first retrospective (at the Sagrada del Duomo, also till July 28) for the veteran Italian female avant-garde artist Carol Rama, first discovered by most people five years ago in Lea Vergine's exhibition L'altrameta dell'avanguardia. Both artists share a fairly sceptical view of the human condition, both are quite explicit in their sexual reference (though quite unapologetic in effect), and both are superb draughtsmen.

The big surprise about Grosz is to observe what a good painter in oils he was when he wanted to be, and the number of fairly mild still-lives and such there are from his Berlin years, prefiguring the less political, more surrealistic works of his American exile. There are also some vivid stage designs, particularly for Shaw. All the same, it is his scabrous views of the well-off Berlin bourgeois slumming that really stay in the memory.

Carol Rama seems to have come round full circle. In the mid-Thirties she was doing odd, naive-looking (but only looking) coloured drawings of sexy ladies. Then she took to making assemblages of bicycle-tyre inner-tubes and such, had an abstract phase, and has now come back to the subject-matter of her first works. Though one would make no vain claims for her, she is certainly a minor master well worth knowing.

John Russell Taylor

One of Grosz's "vivid stage designs for Shaw": Megaera in Androcles and the Lion



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SPORTING DIARY Simon Barnes

Armchair critic

Former champions spend a lot of time telling people that today's players are not like those of yore. Fred Perry, the former Wimbledon champion, has worked out his own case mathematically. He cites the "marathon" Wimbledon final of 1980 between Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe, which lasted four and a half hours, and calculates that, with the 90 seconds permitted for changing ends - sitting down at that, which they never did in Perry's day - and the 30 seconds allowed between every point, the two players spent about two and three quarters hours of the match at rest. He adds, in his newly paperbacked autobiography: "I don't know whether to laugh or cry when I watch the start of a tennis match these days. There they are, two young sportsmen, trained to the limit. And what do they do? They play one game - just one game - then they sit down for a rest... they'll be providing armchairs and Li-los next."

Good catch

On July 1, wind, weather and tides permitting, a fishing fleet will pull out of Deal harbour to play a game of cricket on the Goodwin Sands. The full Kent side will take on a team of local cricketers in a 10-over match. It will be a good toss to win, for the team batting second has a definite advantage - the tide comes in and shortens the boundaries throughout the game. It will be the eighth game played on the sands. The first was played in 1813, and the most recent was in the 1970s. Organizers are hoping for a large boat-borne crowd for the event, but one member of the Kent side will be unable to make the fixture. Graham Dilley gets seasick as soon as he walks along a gang-plank.

© Sporting contests between Oxford and Cambridge universities move into a new era tomorrow. The first varsity Ultimate Frisbee match takes place at the Angel Meadow, off the Magdalen Bridge, Oxford. In a spirit of "competitive co-operation".

Winning strain

Statistically it should be a sure thing that a son of Slip Anchor, winner of Wednesday's Derby, will be the 1992 winner. Seven years ago Slip Anchor's sire, Shirley Heights, won the race. The winner seven years before that was the sire of Shirley Heights, the great Mill Reef. Seven years from now, then, the day must belong to a great-grandson of Mill Reef.

Deep breaths

A team of elastic-lunged Brits are preparing for an assault on the world spearfishing championship, which will be held in Majorca on June 22 and 23. The contest involves the pursuit of different species of fish at a depth of up to 110 feet without any breathing apparatus beyond a snorkel. While anyone who has ventured in waters where spear-fishing is illegal, and who has consequently been virtually mobbed by the fish, might feel equivocal about the sport, the team manager, Ron Jacobs insists: "It's a greater test of breathing control than of catching fish."

Archie, not Ali

Archie Moore, the former world light heavyweight champion, is about to lose his hospital care to treatment for stings by swarms of bees. Moore, 72, is an amateur bee-keeper who also trains American boxer Tom Payne. He said: "Training fighters is much easier than training bees."

Fruitful

On Derby Day it was nice to see the Queen and the victorious jockey, Steve Cauthen, both clad in apricot, the racing colour of Lord Howard de Walden. Every member of the winning peer's party wore apricot carnations. As for Henry Cecil, trainer of the winner, he was asked afterwards what he had seen as the greatest rival to his runaway winner. He declared that he would only have been a danger had he competed with his own three-year-old filly, Oh So Sharp. As it is, the filly runs in the Oaks this afternoon, with bookies trembling on the outcome of a host of Henry Cecil double bets.

Double century

"Nine Gentlemen of The Times" with Brearley and Green will take on the mighty Collins Aurs and Publishers in a cricket match at Broadhalfpenny Down, Hambledon on June 22 at 11.30am. Mike Brearley, the former England captain (not a ringer, he has honestly written for The Times) will lead the side with David Green, formerly with Oxford, Lancashire and Gloucestershire, alongside. Among the Collins authors is 'a well-known writer, R. G. D. Willis. It is very devoutly hoped that he will bowl leg-breaks. The occasion is to mark the paper's bicentenary, and to celebrate the publication of the anthology, Double Century: 200 years of cricket in The Times, edited by Marcus Williams. There had been hopes of playing the game in period costume with Chappellesque underarm bowling, curved bats, padless legs and all. But to make a match out of such alien conditions would have required months of practice. The scheme was abandoned with heartfelt regret.

Public pay - a productive approach

by Sarah Hogg

The problem of public pay now pressing in on us again, with a teachers' strike on the one hand, and an 8.6 per cent pay settlement for nurses on the other, has its roots in a perennial problem about the measurement and management of public services. In private industry, if new equipment or work practices serve to double output per worker, this will show up in figures as a 100 per cent increase in productivity. But in public services, we measure the price of inputs, not the value of outputs. If a hospital rearranged its wards, for example, with the result that one night nurse can watch over required two nurses that previously required two nurses, that would tend to show up in the figures for current public expenditure as a cut - in just the same way as if the ward containing the second lot of patients had simply been closed. This over-simplified picture illustrates a critical problem. In private industry, it is those productivity increases that finance real pay increases, justified by the increased value of the output. In public services, pay cannot rise in "real" terms - ie, over and above inflation - without simultaneously increasing the real cost of public services.

This offers a grim choice to any government attempting to stabilize public spending and most western governments have been struggling to do so since the late 1970s. Either government can try to hold the "real" pay of its own employees constant - in which case they will fall further and further behind private sector employees (unless the latter are to be deprived of the fruits of their productivity by pay controls). Or it can cut staff and be accused of cutting services. A third option would be to allow rising pay to absorb more and more of public spending, in which case it will eat deeper into other budgets. In practice, governments pursue a mix of all three policies. After the first, extensive election pledges have been redeemed, in 1979-80 the Thatcher Government has held pay roughly constant in real terms, as recent calculations by the National Institute for Economic and Social Research demonstrate. For the public services as a whole, pay rose just 0.1 per cent faster than prices from 1980-81 to 1984-85, some 7.2 per cent slower than in the economy as a whole. The nurses did fall behind inflation by 2.5 per cent while the police roared 15.9 per cent ahead, and the teachers by just 1 per cent. Of course all lobbyists measure pay against their best past place in the pay league - in the teachers' case, the 1970s. This competitive lobbying is a much worse way of fixing pay than market forces, because it entrenches groups of employees in party camps (police and soldiers with the Tories, local authority manual workers with Labour).

The government has set a series of declining "pay factors" which cumulatively allowed for a 17.5 per cent rise in pay in the past four years, compared with the 31.5 per cent increase that was actually made. Low "pay factors" are clearly a way of lowering the inflation temperature. The real question is whether they are also a way of stimulating productivity. While inflation was declining, the "pay factors" each year turned out to be less severe at the end of the year than they appeared to be at the beginning. And there was always the contingency reserve built into public spending plans to help bridge the gap. The real test comes now when inflation has risen - sharply if temporarily - and the Chancellor is grimly determined to protect his contingency reserve from raids early in the financial year. The Government has therefore resorted to another short-term expedient by "staging" its award to nurses. This has the effect of diminishing the impact of their 8.6 per cent increase on the bills for 1985-86, but raising the 1986-87 baseline a good 3 per cent - before any pay increase is discussed for next year. In the past this particular dodge made an awful mess of public spending figures in the early years of the Thatcher Government, but on this occasion is plainly intended to tide it over a bump in the inflation figures, while seeing the popular and non-striking nursing profession right. Nor will a widening gap between public and private pay instantly produce a clear market signal. The situation will instead deteriorate until there is a sudden exodus or shortage and a greater increase will have to be expensively undone. Meanwhile, the public sector will have lacked the stimulus to achieve productivity. "Cash limits" or "pay factors" can more easily be met by cutting services (which rebalances on the government) than by increasing efficiency (which is hard work for its managers). The government needs more ways of measuring and rewarding efficiency in the public service. Even the attempt to inject market forces into the settlement of public pay will not be enough without output measurement. Market criteria are a welcome improvement for public-sector workers on pressure group politics. The market is an unbiased indicator of whether individuals think the job is worth doing for the money. It tells us, for example, that plenty of people want to train as nurses, but that the trained ones can leave for better-paid private medicine. But it cannot provide all the answers. If there are plenty of college leavers queuing up to become teachers, that is no guarantee of sufficient quality. Responsible, senior teachers may be locked in by years of specialization. They must not be exploited. But most important, if the market tells us we must pay public employees more, it does not say how the money is to be found. The Government's aim should not be to hold public spending constant, but rather to maintain public services, at no real increase in costs. Of course it is difficult to measure the "output" of health or education. But until it is achieved to some degree, governments will either fail to cut spending, or deliver services, or both. The author is economics editor of The Times.

John O'Sullivan Just an arc for art's sake

New York While London has been absorbed in the battle, now happily won, to repel Mr Palumbo's glass tower, New Yorkers have been squabbling with equal ferocity over a 12ft high, 112ft long, intentionally rusted steel wall which goes under the name "Tilted Arc". This is a piece of minimalist sculpture by the artist Richard Serra - but it is not nearly minimalist enough for some people. "Tilted Arc" was commissioned in 1979 by the General Services Administration (GSA), the housing-keeping department of the US government, as part of an "Art in Architecture" programme. This programme is designed to improve the quality of life of people working in federal buildings by underwriting works of art that "enhance the environment". Serra finished sculpting the rusty wall in 1981 and it was installed in Manhattan's Foley Square where, so far, many of the office workers failed to realize that it was a work of art at all. They thought it was a temporary protective structure akin to scaffolding. When they realized that it was indeed art - and permanent art at that - their rage knew no bounds. They complained that the sculpture was an eyesore, that it attracted graffiti, that it sheltered vagrants, that it offered muggers a useful hiding place from which to spring out at unsuspecting victims, and that it got in the way of picnics and concerts in the square. Their cause was taken up by the more populist politicians and journalists. The columnist Beth Falton wrote ominously: "The line has got to be drawn somewhere, and to me the rusty steel thing is that somewhere."

In the face of these philistine protests, however, some were determined to believe that "Tilted Arc" enhanced the environment. One critic wrote lyrically: "The Arc, in its long gentle sweep, reaches out to embrace the two great classical courthouse buildings across the square, pulling the civic buildings around Foley Square together." Serra took heart and threatened to take out an injunction if the GSA tried to remove his Arc. It was, he said, site-specific. His home was Foley Square. To remove it elsewhere would be to destroy it. One might have imagined that such arguments would be unappealing to an art world composed largely of patrons, gallery owners and museum officials. They reduce a patron to the artist's slave, subject to the demands of the artist's vision. And they cast doubt on the value of museums and galleries which, after all, are usually the repository for work intended by the artist for some other place. Nonetheless, that art world rallied round magnificently. At a recent public inquiry famous figures from the art world such as Mrs Walter Mondale (or "Joan of Arc" as she is disrespectfully known in Washington) took the stand. She quoted Proust and pointed out that the artist made us "see things in a new light with new eyes" - an argument vehemently denied by the workers around Foley Square. They think that the artist is making them see a rusty steel wall. Mr William Rubin, the Museum of Modern Art's director of painting and sculpture, said that "truly challenging works of art" often require a period of adjustment for the public to appreciate them. The argument is familiar - and weaker than it looks. If it is a shock value that challenges the public, does that survive a second viewing? Can we be regularly shocked? Challenged daily? If, on the other hand, we only appreciate the work of art properly by overcoming the challenge, isn't four years a reasonable time to allot to the appreciation of "Tilted Arc"? Rubin thought it would be a "dangerous precedent" to remove the sculpture in response to a "popular vote". Others saw more apocalyptic dangers. Former Senator Jacob Javits sent along a letter comparing any such removal to Communist repression. And the director of the Max Planck Institute in West Germany warned, also by letter, that it reminded him of "certain events practised in Germany's history between 1933 and 1945". It was a little difficult at times to remember that we were talking about removing a wall. The GSA panel eventually decided to defy these expert alarms and to recommend that "Tilted Arc" be moved (its contract with Serra explicitly allows for this). This week the panel's decision was confirmed by the GSA's administrator, the wonderfully named Mr Dwight Ink, and Serra has revived his threat of an injunction. There are few spectacles more ridiculous than the art establishment in one of its periodical fits of moral superiority. The implicit argument of Serra and his supporters throughout was that the public has to take what artists give it, whether it likes it or not. Any protest by the public was a form of censorship or political repression. But the public is no longer so easily cowed by modernist self-assurance. It is not dazzled by the false syllogism: "Picasso was laughed at. I am laughed at. Therefore I am Picasso." So a long legal battle is possible. It might be averted if Serra were to be converted from minimalism to the aesthetic theory of destructionism. He might then, for purely artistic purposes, blow up "Tilted Arc" and collect another \$175,000.

Clifford Longley on the threat to rural Anglicanism

A deathly hush in the church

The Church of England faces extinction in the countryside in the next 20 years. Worse still, that warning is contained in an account of the weakness of the church in what is traditionally its natural rural habitat.



The analysis was published in paperback form yesterday. It is microscopic rather than macroscopic, dwelling less on national trends than on the hardness of the kneecaps and the softness of the knees in a selection of churches in one typical rural diocese. But the examples were chosen with care; and there is no reason to doubt that national trends can be read from them. It is a picture of almost unmitigated hopelessness. In a typical rural diocese, church membership registered on parish electoral rolls fell from 17.5 per cent of the population in 1950 to 7.4 per cent in 1980. Hitherto the worrying national statistics have been explained away: at the grass roots, churchmen have been wont to say, there is life and hope for the future. But the message of the falling graphs is now seen to be all too accurate. There is no magic solution in sight, no new policy just working its way through which has not yet shown up in the figures.

The author of the report, Dr Leslie Francis, a church sociologist, has included a set of case-studies, with only the names changed. This is his account of the church in the village of Falkwell. The vicar is "the Rev Owen Thornton" who is in his seventies and talks enthusiastically about "the movement of the Holy Spirit" in the two rural parishes under his care. But there is no Sunday school, no youth club, no young people in the tiny choir. There is a C of E primary school - with a roll on the borderline of viability, and the local education authority poised with an axe. The church school was founded in Falkwell in the 1850s, and the presence of the Christian church has been very strong in the village at least since the foundation of the Benedictine priory there in the twelfth century," Dr Francis writes. "Now, the 1980s are likely to see the withdrawal of this distinctive church presence in all but the medieval church itself. Already the church congregation has dwindled in number and grown old... The vicar, Owen Thornton, retires. Falkwell vicarage will be put up for sale, and the two parishes will be added to the pastoral care of neighbouring clergy-men. And so an era is about to end." In Falkwell, and elsewhere.

Similarly, there are case-studies of individual clergymen, and how they conduct their all-important moments of contact with the local community, their Sunday services. Dr Francis sent out a team of priests-in-training to make random visits to every type of parish one typical Sunday. They returned "a lot wiser and good deal sadder." They selected one typical deanery and went to every service in all 21 of its parish churches, which turned out to be a good cross-section of the church as a whole. There were some good things, certainly. Almost all the church buildings looked cared for and well maintained, and most advertised their times of service (though only half announced the name and address of the vicar). But in a minority of cases finding out the times of services took considerable detective work. The 24 services themselves were a let down. At only three was the clergyman waiting at the door to welcome worshippers. Only six services had more than 20 in the congregation, six had five or less, and nine had between six and ten. The team compared attendances with those reported by the incumbent in the diocesan statistical yearbook, and noted an average exaggeration of about 40 per cent. (

statements seem to have been made without any support of logic, argument, or fact... The whole picture is not just of statistical death, but of spiritual death, and Dr Francis calls it a crisis in rural Anglicanism. He does not think it too late if deliberate steps are taken, and his priority would be to find the means to interest the young people so conspicuously missing from rural church life. He found a vicar who ran an annual "summer holiday club" for children in the vicarage grounds and a summer weekend event for teenagers, who assiduously visits the local schools and youth organizations and who sends his parish youth leaders to attend national meetings. There is a youth club for church members and another for non-members, also run by the church; and almost every weekday evening the vicar is engaged in one aspect or other of youth work. Three young people sit on the parochial church council. It is one parish with an obvious future. But there is no evidence from the survey of any general desire to copy such rare examples. It points, on the contrary, to an Anglican rural death-wish. The church has given up. *Rural Anglicanism by Leslie Francis, published by Collins at £5.95.

Philip Howard

Thatcher? I'm not sure

The trouble with Mrs Thatcher is not that she did not go to Eton; nor, once she did go, that she did not sleep with right people while at Eton. She would clearly have been an ornament of the old Coll, and elected unanimously to Pop. Nor is the trouble that she is a woman. Whatever you think of her policies, it is a great distinction for our generation to have Britain's first female prime minister; and about time too, considering where the males have got to. Nor is the trouble the snobbish complaint that she is suburban or common. Snobbery is the *Pax Britannica*, but it is not confined to one class. In any case the best recent prime ministers have had one common touch, or at any rate had a good performance of being at home with ordinary people of the lower and middling sort, whoever they are. If the choice is between Sloane Ranger and Finchley housewife, there is no contest. Finchley housewife wins by a knock-out.

The only evils in this wicked world. The wets and wobblers among us would like a bit more evidence that these brave new policies are working in the way they are infallibly supposed to and raise an eyebrow when told that they need another five years to work. I am afraid it is worse even than that. I dare say we are short-sighted and colour-blind. But we do not much like the look of this brave new United Kingdom towards which the policies are supposed to be working. It seems a bit bleak. It sounds anti a number of things that we are on the side of, like boring old dons, and teachers, and the BBC, and the Civil Service, and the National Health Service, and the arts, and the humanities, and the poor, and the old, and the silly, and even Sir Peter Hall (to an extent).



The new vocationalism in education is just another name for barbarism. This Jungian dream of the strong silent individual is another name for selfishness. Small businessmen, and computer-studies, schools, and resource areas in our and thrushful entrepreneurs are all very well, to an extent. But if they leave no room for Old Chalkie medical treatment in the world for sceptical civil servants, and vital industries will run for the common good, and the pursuit of learning even though there is no profit in it, and tabloid newspapers that tell the truth as well as titillate, and poetry, and English any more. England any more. "A good thing, too," you may say. But I am not so sure. And now, that is quite enough politics, Philip. There must be more important things to write about. And indeed there are.

Why Rajiv and Reagan must be patient

Washington Like his grandfather and mother, Rajiv Gandhi aims for a middling course as he shapes his policy with the big powers. In Moscow recently he reassured the Russians that it is business as usual. In Washington next week he will seek improvements in a relationship with a long history of mutual suspicion. It was reported that some American officials were disappointed by Gandhi's warm approach to Moscow. But it is hard to believe that any American with a realistic view expects anything different. It was good political sense for Gandhi to make Moscow his first call. Here was a new leader meeting a new leader, making assurances of continuity in an established relationship which offers many bonuses for India. The two countries are major trade partners and the Russians are India's principal arms suppliers, at bargain prices. Indians do not forget that when they were struggling to industrialize it was the Russians who built power stations and steelworks to help them get going. In Moscow Gandhi did not embarrass his hosts on Afghanistan. He used the oblique line of expressing general disapproval of countries intervening in others. He criticised President Reagan's "Star Wars" ideas and blamed the Americans for failing to control Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme. Indo-Soviet friendship was

reaffirmed and a handsome trade deal struck. Now it is America's turn. Both sides are anxious for rapprochement. US foreign policy towards India has generally been one of missed opportunities and misunderstanding. Americans were suspicious of Nehru's mild socialism and the state economic planning he believed vital for a young developing country. They bridled at the criticism America which he, and later Mrs Gandhi, handed out. India has always felt willfully misunderstood by the United States, has deeply resented America's backing of Pakistan, and feels it has often been ignored, not treated with the respect due to the dominant - and democratic - power in south Asia. Indians also think, resentfully, that Americans do not know much about them. Perhaps Gandhi's young technocrat image and the festival of India that he will launch during his trip, along with the current state of films and television series set in India, will broaden minds. In Rajiv Gandhi the Americans sense a major opportunity for improvement. They like the look of him. He is essentially one of "Midnight's Children", a product of independent India, with none of the historical baggage borne by people of his mother's generation. Since he had no political past, he arrived in

power with no scores to settle. The Americans were encouraged by his relatively liberal, tax-cutting and business-boosting budget. President Reagan hailed it, ever enthusiastically, as an economic revolution. But a new man and a shift in the economic course do not mean that India will draw closer to the West at the expense of the Russian relationship it values. The idea, once part of American thinking in India, that working relationships with both the Russians and the Americans are mutually exclusive, is old-fashioned but still persists. Gandhi's understandable ambition is to secure the best of all possible worlds. In private he has expressed his desire for friendlier ties with the US, which is an even bigger trading partner than the Soviet Union. He sees his country embarking on a new industrial revolution based on high technology, and the Americans are willing to trade the hardware and expertise that only they can provide. Trade, technology and military sales will be relatively straightforward areas of agreement, but there are profound and prickly questions which have always bedevilled the relationship. Pakistan will be high on the agenda. In particular the prime minister will tell the president bluntly of his anxiety over Pakistan's nuclear weapons-programme, and US mili-

tary supplies to Pakistan. India believes that the Americans always backed Pakistan in the Indo-Pakistani wars, and that Reagan should use his leverage to ensure that Pakistan does not develop its nuclear capability. There is an extraordinarily sensitive balancing act here. The Americans arm Pakistan against the Russian threat and use it as a conduit for supplying the Mujahidin in Afghanistan. The Americans will try to assure Gandhi that the balances are right, that Pakistan is not as close to making its own bomb as the Indians say, that American influence on this question are felt and heeded. India's reluctance to say much about the Russian invasion of Afghanistan annoys Americans. But in private the Indians are dismayed by it, and agree the opportunity this provides for Pakistan to build its military strength. The key to stability on the subcontinent, the relationship between India and Pakistan, offers Gandhi the critical challenge of his leadership. The United States is entitled to hope that the new leader in Delhi offers the prospect of change for the better. But considering the history of Indo-American relations, and the cross-currents created by Pakistan, the Russians and Afghanistan, Americans should not hope for too much at first. Trevor Fishlock

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Now let's thrash out fair City dealing

Now that the bones of the new stock market structure have been agreed, despite the sidishow rebellion by some Stock Exchange members this week, the attention of investors, practitioners, legislators and signed-up regulators should turn in earnest to the thorny question of how to protect investors under the new, more free-wheeling system.

It has long been acknowledged that new and important problems are bound to arise from abolishing the separation of brokers and jobbers in different firms, not to mention the wider tie-ups of these hybrid firms with banks and large-scale fund management companies. The built-in protection, far from merely theoretical, though taken for granted, will go. What will replace it, and, given the weakness of human nature, will it work?

Most of the noise so far has come in the form of bleating about unnecessary disclosure and expense by those most likely to benefit from the changes. Much more light was to be gleaned from a speech by the Tory MP Tim Eggar this week to an Institute of International Research finance seminar a mile or so to the west of the City.

Mr Eggar clearly feels that the new firms will need to embrace new market practices with more enthusiasm than seems likely at present, and fears that the new structure of supervised, statutorily-based self-regulation outlined in Norman Tebbit's White Paper on Financial Services in January will prove to have more holes than have yet been discovered.

As Mr Eggar points out, one of the new conglomerates such as Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Warburg, Rowe & Pitman Akroyd or the Citibank group can at the same time be banker to a company, raise long-term debt or equity, make a market in the securities involved, retail them to investors and buy them as managers of discretionary funds.

The White Paper suggests that the best way to protect clients from the possible conflicts of interest involved is through following the rules for the conduct of business outlined in Chapter 7 of the White Paper. This is, in effect, based on three principles: That "Chinese walls of silence" between different sections of a firm cannot be relied on and that principles of getting the best deal for the client, supported by disclosure of information to clients to enable them to judge if this is happening, offer the rest route.

As drafted, some of the rules would certainly reduce the benefits and synergy of the new conglomerates, particularly the

suggested rule that, if a firm buys and sells shares for a client for its own account, it must offer a better price than obtainable elsewhere in the market. In this case, it might be fair, as BZW has argued, that a price equal to the best obtainable would be enough, though not, as Rowe & Pitman suggests in its comments this week, that market makers should be excluded from this provision.

If any such concessions on rules are to be made to the new powerful firms, an even greater emphasis needs to be laid on disclosing information to clients automatically, whether about the firm's role, its special knowledge or the exact price and time of dealing.

BZW is worried about the problems of disclosing its role. Rowe & Pitman argues against the need to stamp contract notes with the time of execution of an order (though records would be available). This is, to say the least, not as positive a line as they might take. In the end these firms are going to face a choice. Either they make disclosures which they find tedious, costly and unnecessary, or they are going to face tighter direct controls to separate their functions again. Disclosure is surely preferable.

The carping that is already evident - and it would be quite unfair to think this is confined to those who have had the courage to put their thoughts on paper - also supports Mr Eggar's fears that firms are likely to take a much more legalistic approach to rules in their competitive brave new world.

The trouble with the new supervisory framework, apart from the temporary separation of the two top tier bodies, is that the operative day-to-day regulators are bodies that are assumed to have the skills, experience and authority of the Stock Exchange Council but, in many cases exist yet only on paper. We may be asking too much of them. That is especially the case if firms used to the legalistic approach of the United States, or to an unregulated atmosphere in, say, commodity markets here, are not willing to bend their behaviour to quiet nods and winks on which Stock Exchange and Bank of England have traditionally relied. Mr Eggar fears this is inevitable and will lead, equally inevitably, to a legalistic body here like the Securities & Exchange Commission and the rich pickings for lawyers that would bring. If it does come to this, it will for once be the fault of practitioners rather than Whitehall or the rule-makers in the City.

Timely link for Sedgwick

The galaxy of senior City banking and investment talent who lunched with James Harvey and boardroom colleagues on Thursday left no doubt of the significant role Transamerica Corporation is expected to play on this side of the Atlantic - and not only through its new association with Sedgwick Group. When financial services is the name of the game Transamerica is bound to be a major force.

The timing of the link with Sedgwick is as good as the logic. As Mr Harvey observed, "rates are beginning to turn in the United States. We shall have a good year this year and the future is quite bright".

Sedgwick, which will have its own form of protection in the shape of Transamerica's 39 per cent stake, can assuredly grow faster and more profitably in the United States in alliance with Fred S. James, whose strength lies there. Conversely, James' United Kingdom business, based on Wigham Poland, will join a bigger league when Wigham Poland is integrated with Sedgwick. Mr Harvey's ambition to see Sedgwick James become "the premier brokerage business in the world" could

well be realized. It will be to a flying start on July 1 when Sedgwick shareholders approve the merger with James to create the second largest broking group after Marsh & McLennan.

James is forecasting a 60 per cent increase in its dollar earnings, which does not look unrealistic in present conditions. Premium rates are hardening because underwriters have begun turning away unprofitable and risky business. This is precisely the kind of environment which favours the big brokers with the muscle to place difficult business.

Under the terms of the deal Transamerica will gain a 39 per cent equity interest in Sedgwick, but only a 29.9 per cent voting right. There are restrictions on increasing its interest. Transamerica, which bought James only four years ago, has widespread insurance interests in the US, including property and casualty and life insurance. It will gain not only a wider outlet for some of its life insurance products but the possibility of a turn on its holding in the combined broking group. It may not, however, sell more than 10 per cent of its holding for the next four years.

Hong Kong takes over failed bank as share prices dive

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The Hong Kong Government stepped in yesterday to take over the failed Overseas Trust Bank (OTB) after a day of turmoil in the colony's financial markets which saw share prices record their biggest fall for 3 1/2 years.

The decision to bail out the OTB was taken at an emergency session of the colony's policy-making Executive Council. Legislation was being rushed through last night to allow the bank to reopen for business on Monday morning.

Before news of the rescue, anxious investors had watched as shares on the Hong Kong market tumbled. The Hang Seng index closed 86.95 points down yesterday at 1,542.55 and

London dealers later reported Hong Kong volatile dealings in Hong Kong shares. There were also reports in Hong Kong of customers withdrawing money from other small banks.

It is the second time in less than two years that the Hong Kong Government has had to rescue a bank. In 1983 it took over Hang Lung Bank. The OTB, with assets of about HK\$10 billion (£1 billion) and 144 local branches, is considerably bigger and its collapse comes at an unfortunate moment.

Confidence in Hong Kong's economy had been slowly reviving since the future of the

colony was resolved last year and this was reflected in the steady rise in share prices. The OTB's failure is likely to reawaken concerns about the efficacy of banking supervision in Hong Kong as well as proving costly for the taxpayer.

Sir John Brembridge, financial secretary, said the rescue could cost the government HK\$2 billion. He justified it on the grounds that confidence in the Hong Kong dollar is at stake. The government was also concerned to protect the bank's 100,000 depositors and head off further problems in the banking system.

Sir John said the failure appeared to involve hundreds of millions of Hong Kong

dollars. A criminal investigation has been set in train and charges have been brought against three people.

Shares in Hongkong Industrial and Commercial Bank (HICB) which is 62 per cent owned by the OTB is among the 10 biggest banks in Hong Kong and the fourth largest of the quoted banks. Mr Douglas Bye, secretary for monetary affairs in Hong Kong, has been named new chairman of the OTB.

The Hong Kong dollar held fairly steady on the foreign exchange markets yesterday, although dealers said it might have been supported by official intervention. It closed in London at HK\$9.86 to the pound, down from HK\$9.89.

IN BRIEF

Argentine debt deal

Argentina is on the point of announcing an agreement with the International Monetary Fund on a new economic programme, an Economy Ministry spokesman said yesterday. President Raul Alfonsin said that Argentina had managed to secure a bridging loan.

Intensive discussions were under way in Washington yesterday to cobble together a package for Argentina before Monday when US bank regulators are due to discuss whether to downgrade Argentine debts. Downgrading would threaten new loans for Argentina and undermine attempts to sort out its \$49 billion (£39 billion) debts.

Washington sources confirmed yesterday that progress was being made towards an IMF deal. The US Treasury is believed to be involved with other Latin American and European governments in a \$450 million bridging loan, conditional on an IMF agreement.

Bank review

The Bank of England is to include loan facilities, acceptance and foreign exchange and interest rate swaps in a wide-ranging review of the fast-growing off-balance sheet business which banks have been carrying out. A tougher supervisory approach to off-balance sheet risks was forehadowed by the Bank of England's announcement in April on note issuance and revolving underwriting facilities.

Legislation will not be necessary for the Government to achieve its aim of privatizing Rolls-Royce, the state-owned aero-engine manufacturer, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday. The Times reported earlier this week the department's view that legislation would be needed, but a spokesman admitted that this information has been given in error.

£86m cash call

English China Clays has launched an £86.3 million rights issue and revealed a \$100 million facility in the US. Interim profits were up from £22.4 million on sales of £334 million against £265 million. The interim dividend has been raised to 4p (3.6p).

Ladbroke boost

The chairman of Ladbroke, Mr Cyril Stein, told shareholders that trading during the first five months of the year had been highly satisfactory. The shares rose 2p to 268p.

US jobless

The US unemployment rate was unchanged at a seasonally adjusted 7.3 per cent last month.

Work starts on British Gas sale

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Department of Energy has put two teams to work on the legislation and regulatory proposals for the sale of British Gas next year.

They will work throughout the summer on the detailed proposals which the Government is to place before Parliament in October or November to enable the sale to go ahead in the early summer of next year at a price of around £8 billion.

The extent of the regulatory controls that the Government wants to retain over the industry will determine the final price that the City puts on the corporation.

The desire of the Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Peter Walker, for a smooth passage for Whitehall's biggest privatization project yet has led him to put his former personal private secretary, Mr Michael Reidy, in charge of drafting those controls.

Preventing the private gas corporation from abusing its considerable monopoly powers



Peter Walker: setting wheels in motion

will be the main function of a new regulatory body, which will be largely modelled on OfTel, the body set up to monitor the telecommunications industry after the sale of British Telecom.

However, there have also been suggestions that because of the present strict legal controls on British Gas and because of its potential cash flow, any future "Ofgas" will be backed

Accountants allege PCW overwriting

By Alison Eadie

The independent investigation by Price Waterhouse, the accountants, into the £130 million losses made by Lloyd's syndicates run by Richard Beckett Underwriting Agencies appears to have uncovered a serious overwriting of business in the mid-1970s when the agency was called PCW.

Price Waterhouse found the accounts had been manipulated in the past to conceal the overwriting. The investigation also found that if the calculations for reserving had been done on the same basis last year as this, the losses last year would have been £75 million and not £39 million. The £39 million was covered by the compensation offer made to names by RBUA's parent, Minet Holdings.

The accountants also found that the reinsurances through the Chiltern Company, which were unscrupled as part of the offer last year, were the loss making syndicate's only "reinsurance cover before 1983".

Price Waterhouse conducted the investigation on behalf of the RBUA name. The investigation shows the accountants believe that the £130 million losses for 1979-1984 are not simply underwriting losses, but are a part and parcel of the £40 million misappropriation of names' money by former executives of PCW.

The former executives of PCW, Mr Peter Cameron Webb and Mr Peter Dixon, now both live abroad. Mr Peter Dixon has been fined £1 million by Lloyd's for his part in the PCW affair.

Opec may follow UAE price cut

By Our Energy Correspondent

The prospect of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries announcing an official cut in its world oil price structure at the end of this month has become more likely with the announcement yesterday that the United Arab Emirates is cutting prices and offering extended credit to customers.

The UAE, through its oil minister, Dr Mansa Saeed Otaiba, has been consistently among Opec's more conservative voices in calling for joint efforts to stabilize world oil prices.

By announcing a 55-cent-a-barrel cut yesterday in its main medium grades to around \$27.55, the UAE has done no more than respond to the realities of the market but it is likely to lead to a chain of similar official cuts from neighbours such as Kuwait and even Saudi Arabia.

The extension of credit for its oil from 45 days to 75 days is also an effective discount for customers. The cut also reflects a split within the UAE itself as the oil whose price is being cut is from Abu Dhabi which has seen production suffer because fellow UAE member Dubai has been over-producing.

New Bunzl bid rejected

By Cliff Feltham

Brammer, the engineering group, last night scored a £154 million takeover bid from the paper making group Bunzl - a £15 million increase on its earlier offer.

The chairman of Brammer, Mr John Head, said: "Nothing has changed. We still reject the bid. We are totally antagonistic towards going down market with Bunzl - commercially we cannot live with the thought."

He will be writing to shareholders this weekend urging them to dismiss the new terms and forecasting a substantial increase on last year's profits of

£10.2 million - perhaps to close on £12 million, according to some analysts.

In the meantime Brammer is going ahead with a special meeting next Friday to obtain shareholders' approval for a £44 million takeover bid of its own, for Energy Services and Electronics.

Bunzl says its offer, which is final, will be dropped if this deal is approved.

Bunzl's new terms are 72 shares and £108 of 7 per cent convertible loan stock for every 100 Brammer shares. The cash alternative goes up to 420p.

Westland white knight 'at hand'

By Our City Staff

Westland, the troubled helicopter company, says that a move from a "white knight" should be expected shortly, at least before the extended closing date for acceptances of the contested £89 million takeover bid by Mr Alan Bristow's new company, Bristow Rotorcraft.

Schroder Wagg, Westland's merchant bank, says it was not surprised that Bristow obtained only about 30 per cent of Westland at close of play on Thursday night. It has always been sceptical of Mr Bristow's claims for a near 40 per cent stake in the company, arguing that the managers of some of the institutional holdings might not accept his offer.

Japan warned over Turkish contract

From Edward Townsend, Tokyo

A new row between Britain and Japan over a £400 million Bosphorus bridge contract is likely to erupt if Britain's did Cleveland Bridge Company fails to win a significant share of the project.

This was clear in Tokyo yesterday by Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Industry, who said that relations between Britain and Japan could turn sour if the

main contractors for the Turkish project - won by Japan with what is claimed to be an unfair level of state aid - did not place sub-contract work in Britain.

Cleveland Bridge submitted the lowest tender to build the bridge, but the Government would not match Japan's bid.

Mr Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, has written to Mrs Thatcher explaining the

Japanese position. Mr Pattie, who is in Japan to promote investment in Britain, said the letter would remain confidential.

Britain has matched a Belgian offer of aid worth up to £21 million in support of a Leyland Bus consortium's bid for a £365 million contract to supply the Bangkok Mass Transit Authority with 4,500 buses and other facilities.

MARKET SUMMARY table with columns: STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, CURRENCIES, INTEREST RATES. Includes FT 100, FT-A All Share, FT Govt Securities, etc.

BROWN SHIPLEY - HIGH INCOME FUND - LAST YEAR WE WERE NUMBER ONE. THIS YEAR OUR INVESTORS ARE ALREADY 14.6% BETTER OFF. Includes investment details and contact information.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar and sterling gained at the expense of leading Continental currencies in very quiet and thin trading. Starting head a small rise in terms of the dollar for much of the session, but finally relaxed to a net loss of 27 points at \$1.2680.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table with columns for Market rates, Market rates close, and Forward rates for various currencies like New York, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, etc.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table with columns for Country, Spot rate, and Forward rates for currencies like Ireland, Singapore, Australia, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates barely moved throughout the day from Thursday's close. With sterling likely to be unsettled for the rest of this month on oil price worries and the expected cut in the US Federal Reserve discount rate looking less likely, margins are not high on government securities in base rates.

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Table showing interest rates for various currencies and terms like 3 months, 6 months, 12 months.

COMMODITIES

Table listing commodity prices for metals like Aluminum, Copper, Zinc, Lead, Tin, and various grades of steel.

APPOINTMENTS

All contracts had a mixed day yesterday, suggesting that while currency factors are still the determinants of short-term movements, fundamentals are not entirely redundant.

WALL STREET

The New York Stock Exchange showed lower in early active trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.71 at 1,321.57.

Table of stock market data including AMF Inc, AMR, Allied Corp, Alcoa, etc., with columns for price, change, and volume.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing futures prices for various commodities like Tin, Copper, Nickel, etc., with columns for Open, High, Low, Close, and Bid/Ask.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Electricals lead index down as sentiment turns bearish

By Derek Pain and Jeremy Warner

The stock market endured a sharp, sharp battering yesterday. Within a few minutes in mid-morning sentiment swung from mildly optimistic to exceedingly bearish and shares plunged. As so often recently electricals led the market lower as more brokers reduced their profit forecasts.

TEMPUS

Wall Street test coming for the 'Rule of 20'

Does the 'Rule of 20' live? If so, Wall Street is possibly good for another 500 points. But it is not, then a large number of investors stand to lose heavily, assuming a downward correction to US equity prices takes place.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

- COLE GROUP/MOSS: Robert Moss has announced an increased offer for Cole Group as follows: for every 100 ordinary shares of Cole, 80 ordinary shares of Moss and £105 in cash.

FAMILY MONEY/1

Share pushers anger City broker

Capel-Cure Myers, the City stockbroker firm, has come out with some strong advice to its clients about how to combat the "revolving" habits of some Antwerp-based share salesmen.

Home Charm closed its Wood Mackenzie's forecast for this year from £14.8 million to £15.1 million and making a 15 per cent increase in the year after.

Television South has changed its 1985 forecast for this year from £14.8 million to £15.1 million and making a 15 per cent increase in the year after.

Jonas Woodhead, the pension springs and the members rose 5p to 36p. Securities revealed that the stock rose 17.81 per cent from the home from 1984 to 1985.

Until the rules are changed early in 1987 building societies are unlikely to be able to meet all financial needs, but they can already go further than many of their customers suspect.

The start of the financial cycle for most people is the regular pay cheque. Most people in cash each week have it paid into their bank account.

Many societies offer this service. The payment is easily arranged through the Bank's Automated Clearing Service

The customer does not have to record all his travel details with the insurer, and all journeys not exceeding three months, irrespective of how many the customer goes on, are covered by an annual premium.

One unit of personal accident insurance, for example, includes death or disablement cover up to £25,000 and temporary disablement cover of £25.

Another insurance company has entered the direct unit trust investment market. Gresham Life, which has offered unit-linked policies since the 1970s, has launched two unit trusts and promises to bring out more by the end of the year.

The growth fund will initially be invested about 35 per cent in the US and 30 per cent in Japan and Hong Kong. The remainder will be split between the UK, Europe and other markets. It is designed to give high capital growth, and anticipates a gross yield of 2 per cent.

The yield on the income fund is forecast to be around 6 per cent, with virtually all of its money invested in the account for paying bills. Each cheque costs £1.

UK. The charges on both funds are a standard 5 per cent initially, and 0.75 annually with an initial minimum investment of £500. There are discounts on the unit offer prices to anyone investing before June 20.

Now that the dust has settled after the Budget with little change in capital transfer tax, those interested in CTT mitigation may find a report by tax consultants Parmentier Arthur useful.

They not only describe the schemes in detail but analyse their effectiveness and desirability. Their main conclusion is that setting up an inheritance trust in which you make a loan, repaid to you over a number of years, is the best and safest method.

Inheritance trusts where the loan is reversed are found to be less satisfactory, because they may be seen by the Revenue as artificial. Bottom of the list come the discounted loan schemes, which are increasing rapidly in popularity because of a feeling that as the Revenue has not stamped them out yet it probably never will.

That sort of complacency, say the authors, is unwarranted. The Revenue



'Sorry, old boy, there's no R in the month'

may still move against them, causing complications for many people. The report costs £20 from Parmentier Arthur, 7 The Walrus, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE17 4BY.

Retirement plan Sun Life Assurance of Canada has launched a unit-linked executive retirement plan which it says is as portable as present legislation permits.

The rise in building society investment rates continues. Among those to improve their offers this week were the Lloyds Bank, the Forest in England. Lambeth has increased its Magnum account by 0.25 per cent, giving a net rate of 11.14 per cent.

Free home sales The Property Shop group, offering estate agency and financial services, is opening offices inside three Asda stores.

Rates raised The rise in building society investment rates continues. Among those to improve their offers this week were the Lloyds Bank, the Forest in England.

Scottish advice A Scottish investment management company appears to have pulled off something of a coup in a link-up with one of the "big four" Japanese stockbroking firms.

Identified high-growth companies The sort of businesses Alpha is looking at include a manufacturer of a patented lubrication pump, a company researching into a device using radio frequency fields to heal wounds.

All three schemes, Nightingale, Gift Express and Alpha, qualify as BES investments.

GRE raises car cover by 10%

For the second time this year Guardian Royal Exchange, one of the largest motor insurers in Britain, is raising its premium rates on car insurance.

This is a common problem which has hit virtually all motor insurers, yet none of them has a clear explanation of the cause of the higher claims.

Alternatively, by paying a little more, policyholders can get a protected no-claims discount so that even when they do claim, their subsequent policy premiums continue to receive the valuable discount.

From July reductions are also being made in non-comprehensive insurance policy rates as well as reductions on other policies in seven different areas.

High street banking gap closes

The time is drawing closer when building society customers will be able to carry out virtually all their financial arrangements without walking into a bank.

As soon as the money arrives in the buildings it begins earning interest, unlike most ordinary bank current accounts. Societies usually suggest that customers should use their ordinary share accounts, currently paying 8.25 per cent net, since they provide instant access and require no minimum deposits.

Nightingale springs in Berkeley Square

Promoters of business expansion schemes are taking no chances and are getting their new issues away well before the rush at the end of the financial year.

Three new schemes are currently available (there may be more but as yet there is no central clearing house for monitoring these issues). Two are BES companies and the third is a BES fund.

Business expansion scheme investments

Table with 5 columns: Fund/Company, Sponsor, Type of business, Minimum investment, Closing date, Tel. No. Includes entries for Nightingale Secretariat, Gift Express, and Alpha IV.

Large advertisement for County Bank 3rd Business Expansion Fund. Features 'TAX RELIEF AT 60% IS CERTAINLY ATTRACTIVE' and 'BUT IS IT ENOUGH?'. Lists benefits like full income tax relief, participation in a diversified portfolio, and investment up to £40,000 in the 1985/6 tax year.

Large advertisement for Cheltenham Gold. Features '10.75% NET' and '10.25% NET' interest rates. Promotes 'The no strings account which beats every other national building society.' Includes contact information for Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society.

*Current rates, which may vary. 8.25% net / 10.75% gross equivalent paid on balances below £500. Gross equivalent for basic rate taxpayers when interest is added to account.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares fall sharply

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, June 3. Dealings End, June 14. Contango Day, June 17. Settlement Day, June 24. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

THE TIMES Portfolio DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000 WEEKLY DIVIDEND £20,000 Claims required for +24 points Claims required for +153 points

From your Portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page.

Table with columns: No., Company, 1985 High, 1985 Low, Company, Price, Change, Gross Dividend, Yield, P/E. Includes sections for BUILDING AND ROADS, INDUSTRIALS S-Z, and INDUSTRIALS A-D.

Claimants should ring 0254-53272. Weekly Dividend. Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £20,000 in today's newspaper.

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FAMILY MONEY/2

How you can go it alone

PENSIONS

The State earnings related pension scheme (Serps) is to be phased out, as expected, and from 1987 men under the age of 50 and women under the age of 45 will have to make their own pension arrangements.

Existing rights under Serps are to be honoured, so no-one should lose out, but contributions to a private pension scheme will become compulsory to ensure that people make some provision for their old age.

From 1987 employees will be obliged to contribute a minimum of 4 per cent of salary to a pension scheme, with the employer meeting at least half this cost.

At present about 10 million employees are members of occupational pension schemes, and in most cases are making a contribution towards the cost of this pension provision.

Most of them will be contracted out of Serps, and for these employees there will be little change.

It is the 10 million employees who have no company pension entitlement who are paying higher National Insurance contributions to provide them with a State earnings related pension, who will notice the difference.

"The situation is complicated, but it looks as though the people who will lose out are men aged between 33 and 40, and women in the 28 and 35 age bracket who are contracted into Serps", explains John Stone, of Target Group.

At the moment, employees

contracted into Serps pay a total of 19.45 per cent in employers'/employees' NI contributions. Those contracted out pay a total of 13 per cent, so the cost of providing Serps is 6.25 per cent of salary up to £265 a week.

For this, they can expect to get a pension, in addition to the basic State pension, equal to 25 per cent of final salary (up to the upper earnings limit of £265 a week). In other words, an employee earning £265 a week is paying £16.56 a week to buy a pension at retirement of £66.26 a week.

"A 25-year-old paying the compulsory 4 per cent of earnings into a personal pension plan would end up with a pension of 22.5 per cent of final salary - almost as much as Serps but for 2 per cent a year less contribution", says Mr Stone. And he would not be restricted to providing a pension only up to the upper earnings limit.

Employees currently in Serps who are over 50 if men, or over 45 if women, will continue to pay the higher NI contributions and get their pension at retirement of 25 per cent of earnings up to the upper earnings limit.

Men aged 40 to 49 and women aged 35 to 44 will not be able to continue contributing to Serps, but they will have their existing rights honoured, and there will be bonuses added. "If these people pay 4 per cent into a private pension plan from 1987 onwards, they should be roughly as well off as if they had been allowed to continue in Serps", Mr Stone calculates.

"The personal pension plus the deferred Serps rights will total roughly as much as they could have expected under Serps."

"But men in the 35 to 40 age group, and women in the 28 to 35 group who don't qualify for the bonus will be the ones to lose out", he says. Even if they contribute the full 4 per cent to a private pension plan, they will not be as well off as if they had been allowed to continue in Serps.

He points out that it is difficult to be absolutely cate-

gorical about this, since much depends on the performance of the funds invested in a private pension scheme. But in spite of the fact that the proposals (if implemented, as seems likely) will produce up to £4,000 million a year of new business for the pensions industry, not everyone is overjoyed at the review by Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Some insurance companies' instant reaction is to complain at the administrative burden in processing millions of small weekly contributions. "One has to be concerned as to whether it will be possible for the private pensions industry to provide compulsory pensions for all", commented Mr Ron Calver, of Norwich Union. "You are going to have to handle a lot of small



The man and his measures: Norman Fowler leaves a Cabinet meeting called to discuss social security

The difference has recently widened

amounts, and just keeping track of all these payments will be an enormous administrative task. A lot of these people are earning £80 to £90 a week. The private pensions market has not aimed itself at this particular sector, and is not geared to coping with payments of a few pounds a week", he says.

Mr Stone at Target does not agree. "I would not dispute the fact that it is going to be an administrative problem. But with new technology we should be well able to solve this."

Alistair Neil general manager at Scottish Widows, is also concerned about the administrative burden. "How on earth can somebody seriously expect us to organize pensions for 10 million new employees by April 1987?", he asks.

And he is not confident that people will not be worse off. "What we are basically talking about is a reduction in people's expectations of pension provision. In general it will be an awful lot of work for everybody, and the final result is likely to be reduced pension provision for everyone."

TOP PERFORMING UNIT LINKED PERSONAL PENSION PLANS

Company & Fund	£500 annual premium paid for:		10 years	
	Open Market Fund £	Annual Pension £	Open Market Fund £	Annual Pension £
Target Managed London & Manchester Invest. Trust	6,771	908	-	-
M & G American	5,574	774	17,961	2,517
M & G Personal Pension	5,193	629	-	-
M & G Equity	5,174	627	19,588	2,375
	4,946	599	-	-

TOP PERFORMING WITH PROFITS PERSONAL PENSION PLANS

Company	£500 annual premium paid for:		10 years	
	Open market fund £	Annual pension £	Open market fund £	Annual pension £
Scottish Mutual	4,824	725	12,042	1,809
Scottish Widows	4,718	657	13,110	1,929
Yorkshire General	4,613	782	11,666	1,949
Friends Provident	4,602	629	-	-
Scottish Amicable	4,542	678	11,588	1,813
Norwich Union	4,360	678	13,170	2,056
Scottish Equitable	4,303	629	13,106	1,906
Scottish Life	4,282	645	13,283	1,906
Standard Life	4,351	645	12,559	1,892
NPI	4,221	604	12,713	1,818
Equity & Law	4,218	627	12,628	1,878

*Actual results to Nov 1, 1984
Source: Money Magazine

Banks are now the high fliers

A couple of years ago the sensible saver would never have thought of depositing money with a clearing bank; building societies were the obvious home for funds, which might be needed at short notice.

The shake-up in the savings market over the past two years has changed all that. This week one of the leading figures in the building society movement was even heard grumbling about the high rates banks were paying.

The result is that the building societies have not been attracting enough money to meet the demand for mortgages.

The big four clearing banks have all introduced high interest cheque and deposit accounts in the past 18 months in direct competition with the societies, and the scanty evidence available suggests that they have been pulling in money partly at the societies' expense.

"We believe that in the first quarter of this year we made appreciable inroads into building society funds", said a Midland Bank spokesman this week. Midland's high interest cheque account (Hica), currently paying 9 per cent net has attracted £1.25 billion since it was launched in February 1984, and probably 40 per cent of this is new money rather than switching of funds from within the bank.

By contrast Midland's Saver Plus account, a deposit account with tiered interest rates, has attracted a modest £200 million since being launched last September. However, other clearing banks have been having greater success with their high rate deposit accounts.

NatWest's Special Reserve, a deposit account with tiered rates starting at 9.25 per cent net on the minimum £2,000 deposit, has pulled in £946 million since January. At Barclays the higher rate deposit account has snapped up over £1,000 million in only ten weeks, and Mr Seymour Fortescue, a general manager, said: "We are confident that we will continue to attract new deposits and stop the flow of funds away from the bank."

The clearing banks are all shy about revealing where the money is coming from, but in general about 30 to 40 per cent appears to be coming from other financial institutions.

The traditional deposit accounts currently pay between 7 per cent and 7.25 per cent, and unless you cannot meet the minimum deposit requirements, it makes sense to switch into one of the higher rate accounts and earn an extra 2 per cent.

Of course, not all the new money the banks are attracting is coming from building societies. Lloyds Bank, which has attracted £163 million to its Hica introduced in February, has been monitoring the flow of money into the account. Its experience suggests that 30 to 40 per cent is fresh deposits, but much of this is coming from other banks.

For instance, of the £42 million of new money the account attracted in May, only one-fifth came from building societies, and the rest from other banks and financial institutions.

Peter Wilson-Smith

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Summary of results for year ended 31 March 1985

		Change over year
Ordinary shareholders' interest	£416.7m	+17%
Net asset value per ordinary share	145.6p	+17%
Revenue available for ordinary dividends	£8.49m	+9%
Earnings per ordinary share	2.97p	+10%
Dividend for the year	2.85p	+14%

At 31 March 1985 the equity portfolio totalled £437.9m split UK 44%, North America 37%, Japan 9%, Europe 6%, Other countries 4%.

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr Ivor Guild

- £38 million was raised through a 30 year debenture stock. The money will gradually be fed into equities. In the long term it will result in an additional increase in the net asset value.
- Your board has been concerned about the need to "hedge" against a possible fall in the dollar exchange rate. During the year 30% of our US dollar assets were backed by borrowed dollars and we also sold dollars forward and employed the currency options market. With the weakening of the dollar so far in 1985 the strategy seems to be the correct one for the foreseeable future.
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Dull days for investors in 'sunrise' stocks

Interest rates and exchange rates continue to dominate world stock markets. In America a cut in the Federal discount rate in an effort to stimulate a flagging economy saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average through the 1,300 barrier for the first time.

However, the reduction and the hope of more to come unsettled the dollar, which ended May more than 3 per cent down against sterling.

BG America made the most of market conditions across the Atlantic with a 9.1 per cent price gain, which lifts it to third place in the overall unit trust league table. "Over the last few months it has been possible to find a number of stocks, particularly in the consumer services sector, that have done very well," comments investment manager Mr William Carnegie.

As for current prospects for Wall Street, Mr Carnegie is "pretty cautious". A combination of lower interest rates

for his own fund. "We are quite confident of our ability to pick stocks that will do well even against a background of rather dull economic performance."

Around the other side of the world, the possibility of lower interest rates and a cut in the crude oil price encouraged Japanese investors to push the Nikkei Dow index to a record level. Schroder Japanese Smaller Companies put up the best performance in the sector in May with a 9.4 rise.

However, investment in smaller companies was not a recipe for every manager's success last month. Several funds specializing in "sunrise" high technology stocks suffered further setbacks. Hill Samuel's and Aitken Hume's Japanese technology funds both registered losses over 7.5 per cent.

Although they do not feature among the present leaders in the 1985 league table, some of the best performing markets over the past four weeks were the European bourses. The West German Commerzbank index rose nearly 10 per cent, while the French and Italian market indices were close behind. The fall in American interest rates and consequent slide in the dollar switched investor attention back to continental stocks.

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and a general fall in the dollar, he believes, would probably be quite good for the market. However, he warns: "The dollar has got to fall quite a long way before American exports become significantly more competitive than they are at the moment, and before the flow of imports dies down."

In spite of his overall caution, Mr Carnegie remains optimistic

Only four of the 29 trusts specializing in Europe failed to achieve a gain last month, with the small Oppenheimer European Growth Fund leading its rivals with a 6.6 per cent gain.

Turning to the home market, high interest rates, poor money supply figures and worries over oil prices did not deter UK investors. The FT Actives All Share index touched a new peak. Investment managers appear to be giving greater consideration to the longer term prospects.

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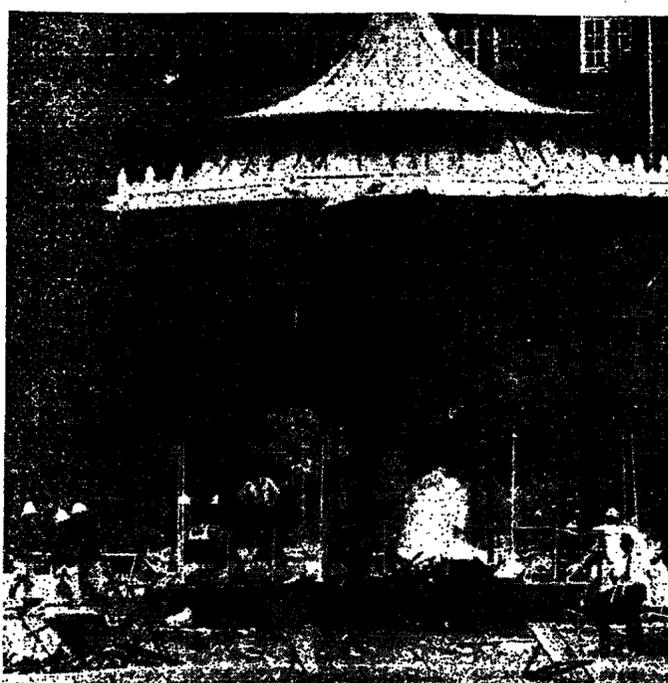
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Time to check the taxman's power

In several of their judgments in recent years, judges hearing tax cases in the House of Lords have equated the interests of the Inland Revenue with those of all taxpayers. It is difficult to know whether they are naive or unduly prejudiced in favour of the Civil Service establishment. Certain it is that they know not what they say.

They cannot have suffered from the demands from collectors for amounts which are not due - and agreed by inspectors not to be due. For the last year in particular it has paid to make an extremely careful check of very tax demand. While the Chairman of the Inland Revenue admitted, in giving evidence to the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee, that an internal survey found errors in Schedule E work in 22 per cent of cases in 1980-81 and 27 per cent of assessments in 1979-80, a subjective judgment of one accountancy practitioner would be that the incidence of such mistakes could have risen to well over 50 per cent. There must be hundreds of thousands of taxpayers trying to bring their affairs up to date, many of them awaiting repayments, some of which can be quite substantial.

Despite the fact that several tax districts have written to local firms of accountants begging the forbearance of taxpayers and their advisers in pressing for settlement of affairs, there continues a stream of harassment. Employers are receiving PAYE audit visits which often concentrate on trivial items, leaving the feeling that the officers concerned are only out to justify the use of their time, regardless of any kind of crude cost-benefit judgment.

Employees are unable to obtain simple adjustments in their coding notices to the point where notification of a change of circumstance after January 1 is unlikely to be effected by the end of the tax year on the following April 5.

Any taxpayer with directly assessed tax, for example the self-employed, will have been battered by demands, despite the fact that information and accounts have been submitted months before.

It appears that, according to the evidence of one recent Revenue employee, this is because the tax officers in inspectors' offices, were given inadequate training in completing the data for the collectors' offices and the computer operators in the big collection offices were rejecting out of hand any form with the most trivial error.

The result is that the original, probably excessively estimated, assessment remained on file for the collection process. One can speculate that this is considered to be work to rule to demonstrate the need for more staff. Why public suffering should be thought to make the victim look more favourably on the inflictors is something probably few taxpayers will understand.

What is the reason for official stubbornness?

But they do understand excessive demands and inordinate delays in authorizing repayments. Children and students in receipt of income from deeds of covenant seem to have been especially picked upon by the office in Bootle which scrutinises the wording of such deeds, and question in the minutest detail any variation from what they consider to be necessary.

Recently they have, under pressure, issued standard forms,

which seems fine. However, these are based on the assumption that the only true convenants are for gross income, regardless of the fact that most people, when convenating to student children would rather fix the net sum payable, for the simple reason that it makes much easier. Is this official stubbornness due to a desire to make work in the event any change in the basic rate of tax?

Let it be thought that it is only junior officials who are at fault, consider the recent scandalous behaviour of those much closer to the Board of Inland Revenue in the nursery - crèche case.

Firstly, they allow the Equal Opportunities Commission (a public body, mark) and the Which? Tax Guide to state that crèche facilities paid for by an employee would not be treated as a benefit of the mothers. Secondly, they change their mind but do not tell anyone about it.

Thirdly, they not only begin to put their change of heart into immediate effect, but decide to go back up to six years.

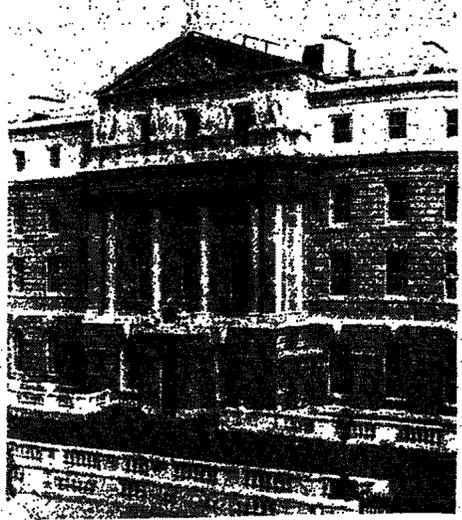
Fourthly, despite their moral dishonesty so far, they blandly assert that everyone should have known all along that these benefits were taxable, and reportedly advise a deputation that the aggrieved mothers should sue the EOC and Which?

Fifthly, they persuade the minister, in announcing that past periods up to April 5, 1985, would not be attacked, to parrot their cover-up and try and throw the blame, in his parliamentary reply, again on the EOC and Which? without the slightest hint of regret or remorse.

It may be wondered why so much is made of this case. There are several reasons. The most important is that tightening the screws of enforcement are being tightened all the time, although it is rare for them to commit such a public blunder (thanks largely to The Times and The Sunday Times). But tax law is written on a catch-all basis. For very long periods there is no problem because the law is selectively applied to generally 'undeserving' people.

This was a public relations disaster.

Then, suddenly, an inspector, whom a law lord would undoubtedly consider to be public-spirited, decides to have a go at single-parent families. Except that this instance was a public relations disaster. The normal victims are ordinary citizens and companies who have gone along thinking that they were not doing anything taxable and not even aware that they should perhaps seek advice. The fine toothcomb of



Somerset House, the Inland Revenue centre in London. Too much power without accountability?

the PAYE audit is turning up hundreds of such cases every month - a process which has been compared to the Revenue moving the goal posts after the game is over.

Ministers have little room for initiative

Politicians are cowed. It was widely rumoured that many of them were having trouble with the Revenue over expense claims until these were exempted by a provision in the 1984 Finance Act. Treasury ministers are in thrall and never seem to seriously question the accountability of the Board of Inland Revenue for the administration of the tax system.

The ministers may decide policy on the basis of options put up by the civil servants but are left with little room for policy initiative. "That would be administratively complex, minister" (code for "it would require a lot more staff" which is code for "we don't want this at any price").

Then, of course, it is the Inland Revenue which drafts the legislation in a way designed for maximum obscurity. The favourite make-work way of doing this (not unique to tax law) is to change the law by inserting odd words and phrases in the original text and deleting others. It makes reading a modern finance Act an impossibility.

The only treasury minister of recent years who had a hope of understanding it was effectively neutered by the frequent public reference to the fact that his opinion had been sought, when at the bar, by some of the biggest tax avoidance merchants.

A few years ago an inspector of taxes, applying for a job in commerce, was asked the

standard question as to why he was considering leaving the Inland Revenue. He replied that he did not like the attitude being taken by an increasing number of colleagues that all taxpayers were dishonest and had something to hide. He regarded his job as requiring a fair deal for the tax-gathering machinery with the minimum of resentment from taxpayers.

A few weeks ago the Association of Inspectors of Taxes put out a paper suggesting greater rewards for informers - usually disgruntled spouses, ex-employees or neighbours - to enable the enquiry branch to "open up" accountants' or solicitors' offices with consequent substantial spin-off benefits in terms of further clients registered for investigation.

There seems to be an inference that employees in professional offices would be bribed to commit a breach of their employment contract.

Unfortunately, the courts may not prove much protection for the citizen-taxpayer. At the top in House of Lords, one of the most influential members has gone on record as being out to defeat any individual or company seeking to conclude their business in a tax-effective way.

One of the other Law Lords, in a famous judgment, seemed to deliberately equate legal avoidance with illegal evasion. And the dictum that everyone is entitled to arrange their affairs so that the Inland Revenue takes the smallest shovel from their stores, has now been stifled so effectively that it is shortly expected to breathe its last.

Andrew Spenser
The author is a chartered accountant practising outside London.

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Over ten years to 1st May it had by far the best performance of any unit trust. With net income reinvested, £1,000 on 1st May 1975 would have been worth £13,019 ten years later, 31 per cent more than the next best fund, which reached £9,905. The same investment in the FT All-Share Index would have grown to £6,517 (Source: Planned Savings).

The trust also produced a scintillating performance for regular savers: £20 per month over ten years to 1st May would have turned into £10,016 for an outlay of £2,400. Over 15 years £20 per month would have produced £25,734 for an outlay of £3,600, the best result for any unit trust.

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Units are available in both income form (with distributions twice each year) and accumulation form (in which net income is reinvested).

On 1st May 1985 the price of income units was 164.2p (accumulation units, 193.0p). The estimated gross yield was 3.22 per cent.

HOW TO INVEST

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of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Framlington Capital Trust is an authorised unit trust constituted by Trust Deed. The Trustee is Lloyds Bank Plc. The Managers are Framlington Unit Management Limited, 3 London Wall Buildings, London EC2M 5NQ. Telephone 01-628 3181.

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Distributions on income units are paid net of basic rate tax on May 15th and November 15th to unit-holders on the register two months previously. A report is sent at the time of the distribution. Savings plan statements are sent every six months.

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FAMILY MONEY/6

Savings that make sense

There are plenty of regular schemes to choose from, says Maggie Drummond

The news that Sir Keith Joseph was planning to raise parental contributions to student grants came on the morning I took out my first regular savings plans. The arithmetic was simple, not to say naive - eldest child eight - going to university, hopefully, in ten years' time.

A 10-year with-profits endowment would mature at just the right time. No doubt there were more tax-efficient ways of doing it, but the real point was that it provided the discipline through weak-minded savers such as myself might actually manage to juggle together some cash for future use.

The other *raison d'être* for a regular savings scheme is that relatively few investors have sizeable lump sums that they feel able to tie up for years. Many of the latest unit trusts have a minimum investment of £500, or even £1,000 (though £250 is still about the average) - but you can have access through regular unit trust savings plans for as little as £20 a month.

There are plenty of regular savings plans to choose from.

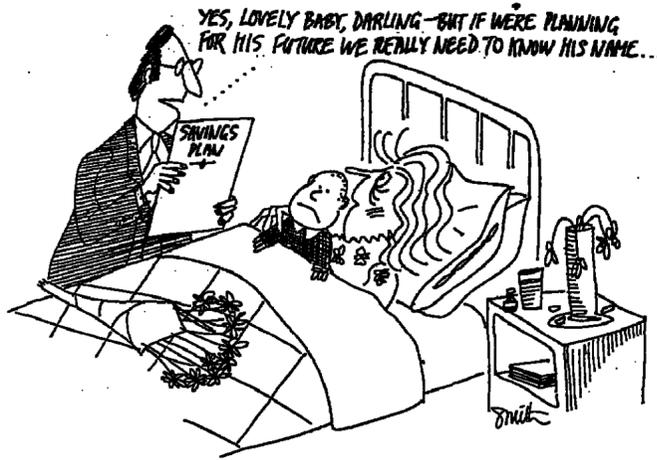
Many, for instance, permit only partial withdrawal a year - or only one month's lapse in contributions before you lose the extra interest.

Top regular savings account, at present, according to *Building Society Choice*, is the 11.55 per cent available at the Hincley and Rugby - but monthly contributions are limited to £40, and you can make no withdrawals at all.

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Those who want their savings to be absolutely safe and cast iron guaranteed, should look to National Savings as an alternative. The NS Yearly Plan guarantees 9.28 per cent a year - provided you hold for the full five years. Contributions are paid in the first year - minimum monthly payments £20, maximum £100.

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mission to be made out of them. The basic monthly minimum commitment to a regular unit trust savings scheme is £20 - though some groups - Save & Prosper for instance - go lower than that. The investor pays the normal unit trust charges - 5 per cent front-end load and annual management charge.

Only GT Unit Trust Group has taken advantage of the relaxation in the UTA's commission rules by not investing the first three months' contributions - to pay for the cost of marketing it. No one else has followed suite.

The problem for the investor, of course, is which fund to go for, and the table for performance figures gives a guide to the recent past. Hargreaves Lansdown, the Bristol-based licensed dealer has come up with one solution on the advice front. Julian Mumford says: "We have just launched a service for the regular unit trust saver. You pay £25 and you get advice on which funds we think are suitable. We add back our commission to offset the £25."

"Most investors seeking to build up capital will obviously go for a low-yielding growth fund. And it should be borne in mind that the yearly unit trust dividends, although automatically reinvested if you wish, are still taxable annually.

Unit trust groups usually allow you to switch between funds on a discount basis - though most discourage the regular saver from switching too often. Once having chosen your unit trust you should be prepared to suit with it for a few years. The best way to get a spread - if you can afford it - is to put the minimum £20 into two or three funds rather than

investing all your monthly contribution in the same unit trust.

There are no strings attached to regular unit trust savings schemes. You can encash without penalty at any time. In order to achieve customer loyalty, though several groups offer a "bonus" - anything from 1 to 3 per cent - on monthly contributions of over a certain amount, or units held for a certain period.

Brown Shipley possibly offers the best bonus deal - 3 per cent on every £20 a month minimum contribution. Arbutnot offers 1 per cent on the same basis. Framlington offers 1 per cent on contributions over £100 a month. But at the end of the day it is the investment performance that counts.

The ultimate product in the regular trust savings market would be a kind of managed account - with the unit trust group choosing where to put the contributions, says Tony Doggart, of Save & Prosper. "We are not permitted to do this because of Department of Trade

restrictions on unit trusts investing in other unit trusts. You can only have this managed fund concept by taking the insurance route, which is rather silly. We keep asking the DoT to change the rules, but so far we have had no luck." And it would be one way to justify higher charge.

So what of the insurance linked saving plans? Not surprisingly sales have plummeted since the abolition of life insurance tax relief which effectively subsidised contributions. For basic rate taxpayers it makes little sense to bear the 37.5 per cent income tax rate paid by insurance companies, and with capital gains tax exemptions now index-linked the "tax free" gain at the end is often no advantage at all. Higher rate taxpayers, however, may still find the 10-year plans worthwhile, as the proceeds are tax free.

Some companies have also tried to market five-year plans, mainly as an attempt to persuade intermediaries to sell regular savings plans.

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Quentin Deane, editor of *Building Society Choice*, who analyses current building society offers, says: "Frankly, building society monthly savings plans do not offer very much to the investor at the moment. They aren't very good payers."

Virtually every building society is offering some kind of extra interest scheme - and the monthly savings accounts carry restrictions and penalties.

Unit Trust Regular Savings Schemes

Current value of £20 invested monthly for 5 years to June 1

UK GENERAL	£
MLA General	2666.2
M & G Midland & Gen	2548.9
Framlington Capital	2548.9
Barclays Unicorn Gen	2432.5
Schroder UK Equity	2397.7
UK GROWTH	
Schroder Smaller Coys	2378.8
Fidelity Spec Sits	2369.7
GT UK Capital	2368.0
Britannia Smaller Coys	2361.5
Lloyds Bk Smaller Coys	2356.0

TOP TEN INSURANCE REGULAR SAVINGS SCHEMES

	With-profits 10 years	Unit-linked 10 years
Scottish Amicable	25,440	28,206
Standard Life	5,247	7,713
Norwich Union	5,197	7,328
Scottish Widows	5,148	6,876
Equitable Life	4,892	6,510
Coventry	4,879	6,789
Turbridge Wells	4,571	6,539
Scottish Life	4,783	6,456
Friend's Provident	4,777	6,483
Clerical Medical	4,749	6,415

Source: Planned Savings

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FAMILY MONEY 17

Abbey set for pensions boom

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attractive at 180p a share when the market is generally agreed that the shares are worth at least 200p.

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It has been in recent months - and Abbey Life looks equally



The man who runs Abbey Life is Michael Hefher. Chairman and managing director. He started his career in life assurance with the Prudential Life Association in London as an actuarial student in 1961.

He went to Canada in 1967 and joined Commercial Life Assurance (Toronto) where he became chief actuary. In 1970 Mr Hefher moved to Maritime Life Assurance, Canada, and was for two years in charge of the sales force.

Now aged 41, Mr Hefher became deputy managing director of Abbey Life in May, 1979, and became chairman and managing director in 1980. He is a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, an associate of the Society of Actuaries and a fellow of the Life Insurance Association. He is married with three children, and lives at Peafe, Dorset.

Round-up of rates

Banks Current account - no interest paid. Savings deposits - 7.25 per cent. Barclays 7.25 per cent. Lloyds 7 per cent. NatWest 7.25 per cent. Midland 7 per cent. National Girobank 7 per cent. Fixed term deposits £10,000-£24,999, 1 month 8.875 per cent, 3 months 8.75 per cent, 6 months 8.375 per cent, National Westminster: 1 month 8.503 per cent, 3 months 8.409 per cent, 6 months 8.129 per cent, Midland Bank. Other banks may offer.

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National Savings Income Bond Min. investment £2,000 - max. £50,000. Interest - 13.25 per cent variable at six weeks notice paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 months notice. Penalties in first year.

National Savings 2nd index-linked certificates Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index. Supplement of 0.25 per cent per month up to October 1985 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 3.0 per cent supplement between October 1984 and October 1985 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Further 4 per cent after 10 years. Value of Retirement Issue Certificates purchased in May 1980, £155.87 including bonus and supplement. (The new RPI figures is not announced until the third week of the following month).

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Port of London Authority



Summary of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1984

Table with columns for 1984 and 1983, showing Turnover, Operating Expenditure, Gross Profit, and various assets and liabilities.

The above is an extract from the published Accounts of the Port of London Authority for the year ended 31st December, 1984 which have been delivered to The Secretary of State for Transport.

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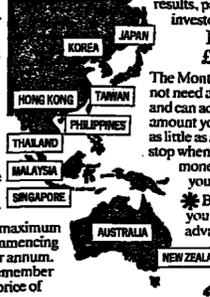
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McEnroe's poetry pales in comparison with Wilander's limped prose

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe could not win a set between them in the singles semi-finals of the French championships...

Bates ready to prove the seeding committee wrong

Jeremy Bates, the 22-year-old British No. 4, took another positive step towards a successful defence of his title when he reached the semi-finals of the GMC grass court tournament at Manchester yesterday.

Elliott takes stage with late sprint

By John Wilcockson



Determination: Wilander en route to victory yesterday

Croft aims to emulate Jones

By David Powell

Graf, the No 1 seed, will not concern the locals here - and Miss Croft is one of them, living just three miles down the road.

Cricket: Gooch lifts Essex

By Marcus Williams

Essex qualified for a home semi-final against Middlesex in the Benson and Hedges Cup, beating Derbyshire at Chelmsford yesterday evening in a re-arranged match of 20 overs a side.

Cycling: Rain helps Kent and Middlesex

By Richard Streeton

The three unfinished Benson and Hedges Cup matches in the quarter-final round had little relief yesterday from the rain.

Australians' problem an age-old one

Not for the first time, Geoffrey Boycott yesterday dominated a day's play against the Australians at Headingley.

Essex and Derbyshire squeezed in a substitute 20-over game at Chelmsford. In one semi-final on Wednesday, June 19, Leicestershire will play Kent at Grace Road.

Wolves under scrutiny

The Football League is sending two investigators to Molineux to check the facts of Wolverhampton's crisis.

Our prime concern is to see that Wolves can meet all their obligations next season. A League spokesman said: "It is necessary to see exactly what the Wolves' financial position is and from that judge their viability as a football club."

Rowing: Cambridge May races

THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE rowing team has been selected for the 1985 Boat Race against Oxford.

Motor Cycling: Exhilarating treble for Dunlop

By Michael Scott

A fatal accident took the gloss off Joey Dunlop's third victory of the week in yesterday's Senior TT. The victim was Rob Vine, aged 30, a 1930 model Austin Rover which was killed when he lost control on a fast section of the dangerous and difficult 37¼-mile TT circuit.

Golf: Jacklin on Ryder Cup watch at Dunhill British Masters

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP celebrates its centenary this year. In a long line of winners none was more distinguished than the American, Bobby Jones, who in 1930 won a unique grand slam of Open, Amateur, US Open and US Amateur titles.

HomeWood seizes his chance

By John Hennessy

The surprises in the Amateur golf championship at Royal Dornoch have continued to the last, for the final over 36 holes today, will be between Garth McGimpsey, and Graham HomeWood.

McLean shrugs off a seven to share lead

By Mitchell Platts

Michael McLean refused to turn a drama into a crisis at Woburn Golf and Country Club yesterday. A seven at the first hole, the product of a plethora of misfortunes, showed he left him licking his wounds, but he courageously recovered by piecing together a 68 for a share of the first-round lead in the Dunhill British Masters with Brian Marchbank.



Fernandez driving at the 18th. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Cricket: Worcs v Middlesex

Match abandoned. Middlesex qualify for semi-final on superior wicket-taking rate in the first 10 overs.

Visas for South African officials

Canberra (Reuters) - The Australian Government, reversing an earlier decision, said yesterday they would grant visas to South African cricket officials seeking to oppose legal moves to block a planned 'rebel' Australian cricket tour of South Africa.

Football: Wolves under scrutiny

The Football League is sending two investigators to Molineux to check the facts of Wolverhampton's crisis.

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Fast men hold the key to England's Test selection

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The England side for the first Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, and starting at Headingley next Thursday, will be announced tomorrow. As last year, the selectors are Peter May (chairman), Alec Bedser, Alan Smith and Philip Sharpe, together with the captain, who, anyway for the first two Tests, will again be David Gower.

Of the six batsmen likely to play, five choose themselves - Gooch, Gower, Lamb, Gatting and Botham. Downton does the same, not because he is England's best wicket-keeper, but for the useful runs he has a knack of making. Those are the "certainties", though Allott and Edmonds must also be on the shortest of short lists.

But to go back to the start. Who partners Gooch? Even at 44, Boycott is the oldest opening batsman the Australians would least want to bowl at, though they are unlikely to have to. He has made two hundreds in the last eight days; he knows the ground and the pitch better than anyone; and he and Gooch have done well together in the past. However, there is more to it than that, particularly the fact that Robinson and Fowler did so well in India in the winter. For either of them to have to be left out, as one will be, is unfortunate; for both to be would, I think, be unfair.

As it happens, Fowler is in no sort of form. It is six weeks since he played his first innings of the season for Lancashire, and he has yet to reach 50. Robinson has done better, and might actually make a more suitable foil for Gooch. He seems to have a good temperament, which is half the battle; whether he can cope with the other half, remains to be seen. He will probably be given the chance to show us that he can do so at Headingley.

Based on the current averages, England's first six batsmen would be Slack, C. L. Smith, Amis, Randall, Radley and Bainbridge. Only Smith's average is distorted by his having gorged himself in the Parks at Oxford. Last year, and again this year, Amis, now 42, has had a second wind, but as with Boycott the selectors, for the moment anyway, will not want to go too far from the tried and true. There is no need for that yet.

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Hill to press advantage

By Bryan Stiles

Glittering prizes are tantalizingly close to the grasp of John Hill, Britain's world Formula Two champion, this weekend. Two championship sign-writers, aged 51, take to the hazardous, dog-eared circuit in the Bristol Rotax Grand Prix a comforting 11 points ahead of his nearest rival. Victory would put him in a commanding position as the World Series approaches the half-way stage of the 11-race championship.

Football



Friendly rivals on and off the pitch, Cabrini (left) and Hateley. (Photograph: Frank Baron)

New offer on TV by League

By Clive White

The Football League, having failed to come to an agreement with the BBC-TV cartel over television coverage of their matches next season, decided at the annual meeting of League chairmen in London yesterday to try to play the two television bodies off against one another in the hope of producing a more acceptable deal.

The television contract was clearly unpopular with everyone's mind after two offers, from the television companies had been rejected. Robert Maxwell, the Oxford United chairman, was heavily involved in an attempt to remove Norwich City's Sir Arthur South as chairman of the television negotiating team, and promptly resigned. Unbeknown to Philip Carter, the Everton chairman, his name had been put forward by Mr Maxwell as chairman.

After the vote was lost, Sir Arthur said that with the kind of people they had on the team there was no need to replace Mr Maxwell. In the present climate of ill-feeling and apathy towards the game, the negotiators may be hard pressed to get a better deal from just one television company. The League adopted a proposal by Chelsea to bring news coverage of matches within ten days of any television deal. At present there is a simple £150 fee per news highlight which Ken Bates said was used repeatedly and usually to depict the bad aspects of the game "in the public interest".

Villa lose £500,000 sponsorship deal

Aston Villa have lost a £500,000 sponsorship deal with a leading brewery because of the Brussels tragedy.

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WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for the weekend, including matches like Tottenham vs Arsenal, Liverpool vs Manchester United, etc.

Spinks supreme

Las Vegas (AFP) - Michael Spinks easily retained his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title here on Thursday and could now step up for a heavyweight meeting with fellow American Larry Holmes for the International Boxing Federation championship.

Boxing

Pedroza faces sternest test

By Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent

"I've got six grand on Barry McGuigan to beat Eusebio Pedroza," the McGuigan fanatic said the other day at the Albert Hall. "And anyone around here wanting a bet, I've got a monkey in my pocket." He pulled out the £500, waved a bet, I've got a monkey in my pocket. He pulled out the £500, waved it in the air like a shillelagh and walked off.

It is nice to be able to put your money where your mouth is, but if you were anyone other than an Irishman you could not put your hand on your heart and say that the Clones featherweight will lift the world title as surely as that at Queen's Park Rangers ground tonight.

Anyone who has seen Pedroza in action will know that when McGuigan wakes up this morning he will feel rather like a student who, in spite of burning the midnight oil, has been unable to complete the syllabus for his final exam. For Pedroza not only asks too many questions too quickly, but knows all the answers as well.

McGuigan must hope that the questions he is asked will be put to him early or else he could be out of his depth. Unless Pedroza, of Panama, who has been the champion for seven years and has defended his title 19 times, is on the decline or finding it hard to make the nine-stone limit, the Irishman is going to have trouble making the grade.

The day Pedroza comes out in the technical abilities of the two. While McGuigan depends more on force than guile, moving directly for his opponent to land explosive hooks, Pedroza, through 12 years of professional experience, knows how to manipulate his opponent and the fight to his advantage.

The champion apparently is not having trouble with his weight. Only last Wednesday he was reported to have had a meal of skate, sprats and ice-cream and washed it down with Coca Cola and then after a brisk work-out passed his test weight-in on Thursday at 137 lb 13oz. Now has been anything in his managements or attitude toward training to suggest that he is beginning to feel the effects of his hard contents.

But Pedroza grows too old to defend his title may be a year or two away, but only one blow can put years on a boxer if McGuigan can land that blow he could dramatically bring forward that day and the aging process could set in during the contest.

McGuigan can take heart that in recent bouts Pedroza has been cut over the left eye. Nine years after his last fight, he was reported to have had a meal of skate, sprats and ice-cream and washed it down with Coca Cola and then after a brisk work-out passed his test weight-in on Thursday at 137 lb 13oz.

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Since England cannot now win the three-nation tournament, Robson is likely to open the door to the less experienced members of the squad. It could be taken as a sign that Butcher is doubtful anyway with a twisted ankle but the health of his players is less significant than the health of the national game.

It is not sure about the ban on English clubs, he commented. "UEFA and FIFA are taking a risky route. The ban must end as soon as possible and not be extended to the national team. Football is the one sport that is common to the world and which has remained largely unspoiled by politicians."

"It is our game not theirs and we must protect it. If we allow England to be isolated, we are permitting the national stadium in September. The WRU secretary, Ray Williams, said the Brussels tragedy had tipped the scales against holding the game in the 65,000 capacity stadium. Alan Evans, the Welsh FA secretary, said yesterday that no decision was made on a new venue until a full committee meeting of the Association later this month.

The Football Association confirmed yesterday that FIFA are scheduled to play the Italian team Udimese in the final of a four-team tournament in Melbourne at the weekend, while West Ham are in Japan.

It would be more realistic to regard Caba and Laporte as lesser men after losing to Pedroza, because both Caba's and Laporte were severely trounced, particularly Caba, in the final round. After watching McGuigan's contest with Laporte, Pedroza observed that the Puerto Rican was only 60 per cent effective.

The champion is the more confident in that he has the ability to hit powerfully with both hands, the left to the body and the right in a bolo-type upper-cut to the head, in spite of standing too close to his victim. Pedroza knows every trick in the book, and out of it, using his elbows and shoulders at close quarters. He employs these tactics fluently in the defence of his title and eventually destroys his opponents. Pedroza is reported to have said, "I hope the fight goes 15 rounds because then I can complete the destruction of McGuigan."

Pedroza takes a good shot to the chin but when caught he is smart enough not to allow his opponent to follow up. He quickly moves out of range, recovers and returns to his old position of leaning against his opponent. He also has the ability to work for only half a round and look busy for the rest of it, which enables him to put saved-up energy into an extremely strong finish.

Athletics

Smooth progression for an upwardly mobile champion

By David Miller

Last month Sebastian Coe ran the world's fastest 800 metres of the year almost by accident. In the European club championship at Amsterdam this weekend, Harrigey will be hoping that he can produce another couple of consecutive misjudgements, in the 1,500m today and 800m tomorrow. His form in training suggests he may, but anything special will again be something of an irrelevance to his main objective of the season.

This is the period of his gradual transformation up the scale to 5,000m, which he hopes to run in next year's European Championships at Stuttgart. He is not yet fully programmed to that end. There will be no deliberate racing peaks this season for the double Olympic champion, he has no specific plans for the Mobil Grand Prix other than the occasional race here or there integrated into the basic training pattern.

Speed remains an essential aspect of this, in spite of the increased distance, and Coe was gratified that the change in training schedule from the past six years or so had not reduced his pace or acceleration in the 1,500m and 2,000m championships. Indeed, he has reached a point at which his father, Peter Coe, with whom he is planning to approach fresh horizons with undiminished enthusiasm, has had to ease back on the training to prevent an unwanted peak.

"What I've proved so far is that an increase in weekly mileage has had no side effects on speed," Coe says. "The 1,444 followed some solid work for his 1,444 training run" he was out doing 10 times 600m.

After last year's Olympics, his father observed that it was the level of appetite and interest which would determine how long he could continue competitive running. The new challenge of the 5,000 carries a therapeutic stimulus.

"I've coped reasonably well so far," Coe says. "I'm a bit heavier than at any time since just prior to the Olympic Games in Moscow. It leaves you a bit more weary at times, but at this stage I'm not trying to do the distance with any racing quality to it. I had no indoor track season, and trained all the way through a period of road races."

"I don't want to take time out of the preparation for '85 just to cover distances as long as the 5,000m. The build up for 5,000 in '86 has to be a continuous process from January '85 not from October. I can't afford the usual four months on a summer training programme which would contribute little in '86."

"I've got to be looking at experimental races between 2,000 and 5,000, so my concentration is on the maintenance of training plus a reasonable race time at one of those distances. I don't want to get to September feeling I need a couple of months off, which I usually do, because that would lose me almost a year."

Pro Favria Pierrel, of Milan will still be favourites to retain their trophy in the meeting, sponsored by Guardian Royal Exchange. The Italian duo have Alberto Tomba, winner of European, world and Olympic 10,000 metres titles, and Carlo Simionato, one of Europe's top sprinters. Another Olympic champion, Joachim Cruz have pulled out of today's Arc Meeting in the Los Angeles Coliseum, whose Olympic track is in danger of being removed to provide more seating or American football.

Quinn's team colleague, Thierry Vigneron, is in Moscow for the third meeting in the Mobil Grand Prix series, which begins this season. Vigneron, holder of the world indoor pole vault best, faces Sergei Bubka, the outdoor world record holder, who has never lost to the Frechen. Tom Berger, who holds the 400 metres, and Christina Boxer in the 1,500 metres are the British competitors.

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Voting politics out

By Philip Nicksan

If anybody asked me to name the dulliest subject on the sports pages I would reply, without a moment's hesitation, sporting politics. I stopped reading about them long ago. If indeed I ever started.

The sports pages are a mine of ordinary politics. As long as you have a scandal and again to remind you that people involved are flesh and blood. In sporting politics there have far been no such compensations - so to my recollection, anyway. Obviously there must be scandals, but you never hear the skeletons rattle and what is the use of that?

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Thus might most of these political messes be cleared up. More or less impartial decisions could be made with the minimum of wrangling, since few vested interests would be involved, and the proceedings reported in a terse, lucid manner so as not to befuddle and bore the reader.

Visitors disappointed

By Philip Nicksan

The shadow of the world championships in September hangs over the British Masters international invitation tournament this weekend at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre, where some of the top European nations, France, East and West Germany, Spain and Austria, have strong teams participating for the first time.

In many cases, they have come to meet and test specific British fighters: the Olympic medal winners Neil Adams (light middleweight), Kerrith Brown (lightweight) and Neil Eckerley (bantamweight), and Elvis Gordini, the heavyweight who won a European bronze medal in the open weight category in Norway.

The top French light middleweight, Michel Nowak and Jean Michel Berthier, and West German, Gerhart, lightweight, Stefan Stranz, will be disappointed to find that Adams-and-Brown have withdrawn. Adams has decided not to fight again until the world event in South Korea and Brown has a groin strain.

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doctor's surgery. The supermarket also stocks chemist's items. Other commercial facilities include a travel agency, hairdressers and clothes and souvenir shops. There is a full management and rental service, maid and laundry facilities and a constant private security patrol force. The villas are compact, mainly one or two bedrooms with fully fitted kitchens and all have a private garden or patio. There is a constant selection of resorts starting from around £25,000 for one bedroom and £45,000 for a fully-furnished two-bedroom unit. Maintenance fees average a reasonable £500 a year. San Juan de Capistrano, the third village, has a spectacularly designed leisure club due for completion during this summer and £1,000 will buy a 10-year family membership. Details: El Capistrano Sales, 173 Wardour Street, London W1V 3TA. Tel: 01-439 4563. It is also possible to buy timeshare weeks at El Capistrano with prices ranging from around £900 for a low-season winter week to some £3,000 for a week in August. Details: Asset International Ltd, 42 Old Bond Street, London W1X 3AF. Tel: 01-493 3373. Most leisure complexes are situated to the west of Malaga where one of the more popular areas is the Nueva Andalucia Estate. Its proximity to the yachting facilities at Puerto Banus, half a mile away, plus having its own golf courses, make this part of the coast an excellent choice for the sportsman. Alda Blanca is a particularly striking apartment complex, consisting of 215 studios, one, two and three-bedroom units with both new and resale property available £28,000 for a studio to £81,000 for a large three-bedroom flat. The Moorish-style apartments are built in staggered blocks around a large pool on a high-rise site with views over the Mediterranean and all have terraces, fully equipped kitchens with dishwasher, working fireplaces in the sitting rooms and air conditioning. Details: Warrior Estates, 2a Harker Street, London SW3 2LG. Tel: 01-581 8021. Diana Wildman

The sales of holiday flats in Spain are causing developers and agents to emphasize the importance of a scheme's facilities and rental potential just as much as the value of the property itself. To alleviate some risk from the developers' point of view a popular trend now is to sell a development "off-plan", either completely or in phases, before building works start. Before any commitment to purchase is finalized, it is essential to consult a solicitor. Michael Soul Associates, the London-based solicitors specializing in Spanish law, say the developer must provide a bank guarantee or special insurance policy against possible failure to complete the scheme. Michael Soul adds: "Agents cannot purport to offer independent legal advice so independent searches must be made. On completed projects it is necessary to check that the development is properly registered and, before signing any contract, that the proposed purchase is free of mortgage so that the title deed can be registered." Allow 8 per cent of the purchase price for this registration. Graham Maynard, president of El Capistrano Villas, started building his first Andalucian-style village some 14 years ago. Today, three complexes, each with around 500 villas, are completed and have been sold. A fourth, the 150-unit Oasis de Capistrano, not due for completion for at least another year, has 50 homes still available, selling off-plan at prices averaging £40,000 for a two-bedroom villa. Planning permission is being finalized for a fifth village, Los Fuentes de Capistrano, a large beachside development of about 800 units. The El Capistrano villas are located near Nerja, a fishing town 30 miles east of Malaga in the foothills of the Sierra Almijar and about an hour's drive from Granada. The first village, consisting of small, irregularly shaped whitewashed houses clustered around mature gardens and paved walkways has every amenity, both for holiday-makers and permanent residents. Most important, especially for the investor who may have long-term retirement plans, is the 24-hour medical service with a twice-daily

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REGIONAL TV

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10.00 Scooby Doo, 11.30-12.15pm Enterprise South, 2.30-3.30 Starburst...

GRANADA As London except: 10.00 Captain Scarlett and the Mystery...

YORKSHIRE As London except: 5.25am Cartoon, 5.30-10.00 Captain Scarlett...

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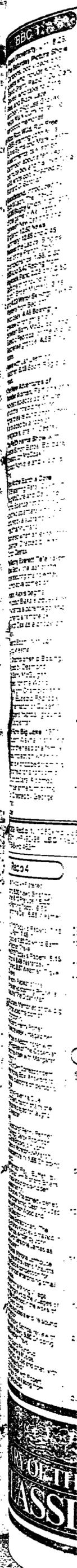
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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Sunday

Summaries: Peter Dear, Peter Davalle

BBC

- 6.45 Open University. Unit 8.25. The Saturday Picture Show. Cartoons, pop videos and guests who include singer David Grant, Radio 1 DJ Gary Davis, and Black Lace. In addition, pilot Les Groves helps Mark Curry to re-live his earliest memories.

TV-am

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Henry Kelly, begins with a cartoon. News at 6.30, 7.00 and 8.05; a discussion on antiques at 6.35; sport at 7.05; Alison Rice with advice on holidays on islands close to the British mainland at 7.45; a recipe at 8.15. The guests include Michael Elphick, Willie Rushson and David Kernan.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Janey and Matt on the Wilderness Trail. Adventures of pioneer children in the wilds of Canada at the turn of the century (7).



Warner Baxter: The Prisoner of Shark Island (Channel 4, 1.55 pm). And Geraldine James: Explorers Extraordinary (Radio 4, 3.30 pm).

BBC 2

- 6.50 Open University. Unit 3.10. 3.10 The Unguarded Moment (1958) starring Esther Williams in a non-speaking role. She plays the Conway, a teacher whose life is made a misery by a psychotic pupil and his father. Directed by Harry Keller.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.00 Chip's Comic (7). 1.25 Listening Eye. Magazine programme for the deaf and hard-of-hearing (7).

BBC 1

- 6.45 Open University. Unit 8.50. 6.55 Play School, presented by Carol Leader, Fred Harris and Andrew Scoble. 9.15 Superbook. The story of Superman. 9.30 This is the Day. A service of prayer and fellowship from Holy Trinity House, Paddington.

TV-am

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain, presented by David Frost, begins with a Thought for the Day. 7.00 Rub-a-Dub-Tub (7). 8.00 Are You Awake Yet? 8.28 News. 8.30 David Frost interviews the prime minister.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Cool Cat. Cartoons. 9.45 Porfy Pig. Cartoon.



Lord Hunt and miniature Everest: A Full Life (TV, 2.00pm). And Francis Bacon: The South Bank Show (TV, 10.30pm).

BBC 2

- 6.50 Open University. Unit 1.55. 1.55 Sunday Grandstand, introduced by Bob Wilson. Golf, Tennis and Motor Racing are included today beginning with Golf: the final round of the Dunhill British Masters from the Woburn Golf and Country Club. The commentators there are Harry Carpenter, Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Clive Clark and Tony Jacklin.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 The Lordship House. The first of three weekly reports on the proceedings in the House of Lords, presented by Alastair Burnet and Glyn Mathias.

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Alliance papers over SDI cracks

From Frederick Bonmart Estoril, Portugal

Nato foreign ministers meeting here have papered over the cracks in their unity of the issue of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI). There is no reference to it in the final communiqué, although the ministers appear to have spent most of their time here talking about it.

Mr George Shultz, the United States Secretary of State, said Washington would have liked a supportive sentence about SDI but was aware that some countries felt that they could not commit themselves.

Nevertheless, the message to Moscow was firm, he said and referred to the strong support given to the American efforts in all three areas of negotiations in Geneva - strategic, intermediate-range nuclear weapons and defence and space systems.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said: "The main priority is to achieve success in Geneva." He added, however, that it was not going to be easy, it may take a long time and required patience.

There had been a thorough discussion of SDI, he said, but it was not clear that every member of the alliance wanted to participate in it. There was no doubt about the fact that the United States was responding to long-standing Soviet actions in this field.

"We firmly support the US action," Sir Geoffrey said, "and would like our companies to participate." He added that SDI would be on the alliance agenda for years to come and should be no cause for allied disunity.

Lord Carrington, Nato's Secretary-General, pointed out that SDI remained the centre of gravity of alliance considerations and summed it up in three points: research was prudent, there would have to be a clear firebreak between research and development, and any action beyond that would be a matter for negotiations with the Russians.

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Leading article, page 9
Star Wars date, page 6

Seventeen royal portraits seeking a gallery



The images are over-familiar, oversize perhaps even over-flattering, certainly overpowering (Alan Hamilton writes). A studio flat overlooking Regent's Park equipped with wall-to-wall Windsor.

Glasgow-born portrait painter John Anthony, seen here with better-known faces, has never had a commission from Buckingham Palace. But it has not prevented him from painting the entire Royal Family from the Queen Mother to Prince William. He is, he believes, the only artist to have done so, and he has every intention of committing the missing scions to canvas as soon as time permits - Prince Henry, the Gloucesters, and the children of Princess Alexandra.

He did them, he says, because as a painter of commissioned portraits he can rarely keep any of his own work. He was inspired when, on a visit to Buckingham Palace, he saw countless canvases of ancient royalty lining the walls. Anthony has never had a sitting from any of his royal subjects; he has worked entirely from photographs and background research. The results, he says, are "meritocratic but not necessarily flattering".

It was not always so. Earlier this year Mrs Margaret Thatcher complained that his commissioned portrait of her was too severe, and he had to soften the face and add necklace and earrings before she accepted it for hanging in 19 Downing Street. There have been no such objections from the rest of his catholic range of subjects, including Pope John Paul II and Umaru Dikko, the Nigerian who gained fame by attempting to leave the country in a wooden crate.

He found Princess Margaret the most satisfying subject, and Princess Anne the most difficult. "Her face changes so much depending on from which angle you view it", he said.

His royal collection was exhibited twice last year at The Mall Galleries. Now, in spite of his original intentions, he wants to sell the lot, preferably as a set, and preferably to remain in England. He finds storage and insurance too expensive, and a Glasgowian aged 67 of Russian Jewish emigre parents needs to live like everyone else.

There are 17 canvases; he is hoping they will fetch £5,000 apiece. Already he has had a number of inquiries, including some from the United States and the Middle East, where he is already well known, having painted members of the Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian royal families.

Anthony has now been commissioned by a group of peers to produce a gift by 4ft canvas of the House of Lords in session. It will be a delicate task, deciding whether regular attendance should be the criterion for making a face recognizable rather than a blur in the background.

Having decided to part with his royal collection, Anthony has embarked on another series which he does not intend to give away, a set of portraits of past and present prime ministers. The majority are no longer in a position to complain about the severity of their likenesses.

(Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Amal denies massacre of Beirut Palestinians

Beirut - Amal, the Shia Islamic Movement in Lebanon, which has been fighting a 19-day battle with Palestinians in their camps in south Beirut, has denied reports that its troops have deliberately killed prisoners or civilians (Richard Dowden writes).

Mr Akraf Haidar, the head of Amal's political bureau, said in an interview: "There has been no massacre but I do not deny that atrocities have happened on both sides. If somebody saw their brother being killed by the

Nine die in caste riots

Delhi - Nine more people died in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad yesterday in fresh violence in the campaign against the state government's caste preference policies. At the same time, 700,000 state employees went on strike in protest at accelerated promotion for

Letter from Tehran War, sex, vodka in a land of God

They were chipping the polish off their fingernails in the departure lounge at Heathrow. You could hear them, each woman in line at the boarding card desk scraping her nails and adjusting her scarf. A few brave souls boarded the Iran Air flight with their hair still uncovered but by the time dawn broke the Boeing and its passengers conformed to Iran's interpretation of Islam.

"In the name of God," the stewardess announced, "we shall shortly be landing at Mehrabad Airport."

God is invoked around the arrivals hall but the customs men are more pragmatic. A bearded, blue-shirted young man with heavy spectacles opened my case. He pulled out a copy of *Life* magazine, an anniversary edition marking the end of the Second World War in Europe.

"Sex magazine?" he asked, and turned immediately to a double-page spread illustrating the Hollywood film stars who warmed the hearts of GIs during the Battle of the Bulge. "Sex," he muttered in disgust, throwing the journal back in the bag.

The streets of Tehran are as clean as ever, the boulevard trees trimmed, the building sites uncompleted, the cranes hanging over them, ponds rising just as they did before construction work stopped in the last days of the Shah.

The taximan offered his own comment on the economy. "Pay dollars - as good as a free ride," he yelled cheerfully. "You an American?" The black market rate for the rial is almost 600 to the pound, five times the official rate.

We drove by the Soviet Embassy. Two weeks ago the graffiti on the Russian compound walls was erased by revolutionary guards. No longer is Moscow equated with its satanic superpower rival. A delicate white coat of paint has been applied to such emotions, the price of Russia's agreement to permit Iran Air to fly over the Caucasus.

Up Pasdaran (Revolutionary Guards) Avenue - once Pahlavi Avenue - there is no such pretence. An air raid had destroyed a house on the left of the road. The Civil Defence men had bulldozed the ruins

and left a hard-packed surface of clay over which hung a banner proclaiming "Down with the despotic Saddam - Death to America." It is not difficult to find Iranians who believe that American jets are bombing Tehran every night.

We turned into the driveway of old friends as the alarm sounded, the street lights flickering out. "Would you like a drink before they come?" Hussein asked, holding his little daughter's hand as we walked stilly up the darkening path to the front door. His family had pulled down the mattresses from the bedrooms onto the floor of the hall.

There were plates on the table, heaps of steaming dark rice and fried chicken. The radio announced a red alert, the broadcaster remembering that whatever he said was in the name of God.

"Do you think that under the last regime this could have happened?" Hussein asked. "Perhaps it could but this never ends. It is impossible to do business abroad now. When I go to a Ministry, I talk to people who know nothing about the economy."

His complaints seemed to have no focus. The family likes to travel but they can only take a few hundred dollars with them when they leave Iran. Hussein went on asking about the future of the war, as if a stranger possessed information denied to him.

There were two vibrations and the radio said the planes had gone. The telephone began to ring. It was Hussein's mother. His sister called and then his wife's brother and her sister-in-law. Relatives call each other after each raid to see if they have been hurt.

The revolutionary guards were on the roads back into town to stop any panic flight. "You want modern music?" the driver asked and ramed a cassette into the car player. An old Beate's song crackled through the car as we drifted down the expressway.

"Death to France," shouted a limp banner drooping in front of the French Embassy's consular section. They were down there in their dozens next morning waiting for visas.

Robert Fisk

Today's events

Royal engagements
Princess Anne, as patron of the Royal Lympington Yacht Club, attends British Admiral's Cup Team

Solution of Puzzle No 16,752

Trials in Christchurch Bay, 8.30am.
New exhibitions
Landscape bowls and sculptural glass by Charles Bray, inland porcelain by Jenny Clarke, lustreware by Tobias Harrison, decorated

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 16,758

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

ACROSS
1 Among African tribesmen disapproval is expressed (7).
5 Caused trouble, getting Bill and little Edward out of bed (5,2).
9 Poor Joan's hero tried to get an order (5,7).
10 Accommodation units, say, for someone with a poor joint (9).
11 Sign of secretive movement makes girl angry (4,5).
12 Gantry put to novel use by Lewis (5).
13 Expert at restraining French MP (5).
15 Will try a final word before opening-time (9).
16 Check, to have one in pub before lunch (9).
19 Sack of fish about temperance (5).
21 Fur-producer shows modest upturn (5).
23 Modern, with exceptionally good following in US (6-3).
25 I am to act as go-between without delay (9).
26 After the opening, it would be part of the service (5).
27 Perhaps layer's plant (7).
28 Fashion notes on the way for head-dress (7).

DOWN
1 Barbara, perhaps, about to acquire an island (7).
2 Hell, the flowers are complete without (9).
3 Order myself change for coin (5).
4 Out of one's mind - to give up this kind of profit rise (9).
5 States endlessly in opposition (5).
6 Restrained anger at conclusion of peace (9).
7 One of the items in the bank one assumes (5).
8 Deck with 'art nouveau' - heavy American type (4-3).
14 Farmworkers here had about a ton to pool (9).
16 Paddinghead shows amiability (9).
17 Reaches start to pollinate in river, say, in France (9).
18 Measure in key of slow movement (7).
20 Sacrifice ground (3,4).
22 The old soldiers of the Republic (5).
23 Chamber in a pin-up (5).
24 The best size of letters for keyboard (5).

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Even if you have a surfeit of elastic bands kindly provided by the Post Office, do not use them for tying up catfood tins and do not tie the leaves in knots. They have hardly had time to make enough new roots deep enough to tide them over dry spells.

Time now to plant sprouting broccolis, leeks, marrow, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and sweet corn. Sow seeds of parsley and if you wish to make a herb border (as near the house as possible) seeds may be sown now of perennials such as lavender, balm, hyssop, chives, mint, sage and thyme. Plants may be bought of course and all are easily propagated by cuttings or with chives and mint by division.

Some flowers, forget-me-nots, sweet williams, foxgloves, Canterbury bells and daisies to flower next spring. In cold districts the Siberian wallflower, *Cheiranthus allionii* in both the orange and yellow varieties are the best bet. They came through the most bitter spells this past winter without turning a hair. R.F.H.

Anniversaries

TODAY
Births: Robert Schumann, Zwicken, Germany, 1810; Charles Reade, novelist, Ipsden, Oxfordshire, 1814; Sir John Everett Millais, painter and founder member of Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, Southampton, 1829.
Deaths: Muhammad, Mecca, 632; Haideewata, king of England, 1040-42; London 1042; Thomas Paine, radical New York, 1809.

TOMORROW

Births: George Stephenson, builder of the "Rocket", Wylam, Northumberland, 1781; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, physician, Aldborough, Suffolk, 1834.
Deaths: Charles Dickens, Rochester, Kent, 1870; Sir Walter Besant, novelist, philanthropist, London, 1901; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, Leatherhead, Surrey, 1964; Dame Sybil Thurstley, 1976.

MOT tests

The annual MOT test fees are being raised from July 1. Tests for cars, light vans and motorcycle combinations will go from £10 to £10.70 and for motorcycles from £6 to £6.40.

The pound

Currency	Bank of England	Bank of America	Bank of Montreal
Australian \$	1.95	1.95	1.95
Canadian \$	1.25	1.25	1.25
Danish Kr.	13.66	13.66	13.66
Deutsche M.	2.36	2.36	2.36
French F.	6.55	6.55	6.55
Italian L.	2036	2036	2036
Japanese Yen	161.20	161.20	161.20
Swedish Kr.	13.76	13.76	13.76
Swiss F.	2.00	2.00	2.00
US Dollar	1.58	1.58	1.58

Notes for small denomination bank notes only. Rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business. Source: Reuters 373.3. London. The FT index closed down 6.0 at 1,001.5.

Gardens open

Today
North Yorkshire: Barmingham Park, Barmingham, off A66, S of Bishopthorpe S 500m. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 10.30 to 5.30. Closed Mon. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 2 to 5.30, closed Mon. (ends July 6).
Gloucestershire: Right different and attractive Cotswold gardens in Goringdon Village, 7m of Goringdon, 2 to 6.
Sussex: Upper House, West Burton, SW of Pulborough off A23 to S 200m. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 10.30 to 5.30. Closed Mon. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 2 to 5.30, closed Mon. (ends July 8).

TOMORROW
Lancashire: Hartsfield, Ouchterlony, Biggar, small walled garden, unusual herbaceous garden, pool garden and walled kitchen garden. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 10.30 to 5.30. Closed Mon. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 2 to 5.30, closed Mon. (ends July 21).
Hampshire: Harworth Hall, Harworth, S of Goringdon off A140 Goringdon, 5.8 of Goringdon. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 10.30 to 5.30. Closed Mon. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 2 to 5.30, closed Mon. (ends July 21).
Kent: Saffron Walden, near Gillingham, off A200 Gillingham, 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 10.30 to 5.30. Closed Mon. 10.30 to 5.30. Sun. 2 to 5.30, closed Mon. (ends July 21).

Weather

London, SE and E England, East Anglia, Midlands (E), Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, isolated showers; wind NW, light. Max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).
Central SW and NE England, S Wales, Midlands, W Sunny intervals, mainly dry; wind W, light; max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).
N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Border, Edinburgh and Glasgow areas: Sunny intervals, some rain by evening; wind W, light; max temp 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).
Aberdeen, SW and NE Scotland, Glasgow area, Orkney, Shetlands, Moray Firth area, N Ireland: Bright start, becoming cloudy with some rain; wind W, light; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).
Argyll, NW Scotland: Cloudy with some rain, perhaps brighter with some showers by evening; wind W or SW, moderate; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).
Shetlands: Sunny intervals, some rain later; wind NW, moderate; visibility moderate or good; sea slight.

High tides

Location	AM	PM	HT	FT
London Bridge	8:20	8:52	6.4	7.08
Aberdeen	8:27	8:57	4.8	5.52
Aberystwyth	11:47	10:8	-	12.08
Belfast	1:20	10:11	3.0	4.12
Birmingham	10:28	4:16	4.8	11.09
Bristol	10:28	4:16	4.8	11.09
Cardiff	10:28	4:16	4.8	11.09
Edinburgh	10:28	4:16	4.8	11.09
Glasgow	10:28	4:16	4.8	11.09
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Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 8.45 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 8.45 pm to 4.14 am
Birmingham 10.25 pm to 3.28 am
Manchester 10.25 pm to 4.11 am
Paisance 10.25 pm to 4.43 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud; F, fog; R, rain; S, sun.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday's highest day temp: Weymouth 8C (46F); lowest day temp: Trowbridge 0C (32F); highest night temp: Birmingham 10C (50F); lowest night temp: Weymouth 1C (34F).

Weather

London, SE and E England, East Anglia, Midlands (E), Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, isolated showers; wind NW, light. Max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

High tides

Location	AM	PM	HT	FT
London Bridge	8:20	8:52	6.4	7.08
Aberdeen	8:27	8:57	4.8	5.52
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A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

Pitching in for Britain

American baseball, modelled on our game of rounders, is making a come-back in Britain. Ivo Tennant meets the young enthusiasts claiming the sport as their own



Photographs by Colin Carwood

They certainly look the part, these City Slick Sidewinders with their baggy 1950s uniforms, chunky caps and air of men about to embark upon the most searching of sporting battles. This however, is not the Yankee Stadium and its huge, baying crowd but Regent's Park in London on a drizzling Sunday afternoon. The pitch is a piece of unkempt grass sited next to a park entrance. This is the British way of baseball. The club being in its infancy, the technique of its members lacks refinement. They are enthusiasts, not experts. Top edges sail over the netting behind the batter, endangering many an unsuspecting nanny wheeling her charges through the otherwise tranquil park. This afternoon, though there is a more pressing matter: will the opposition turn up?

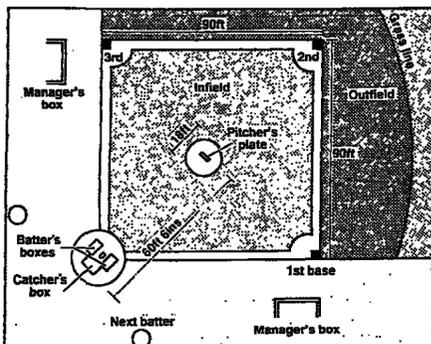
Awaiting a team from Reading, the Sidewinders continue with their practice, whooping and hollering. They are friends and friends of friends barely out of their teens, yet hankering back to the 1950s when, they say, they would rather have lived. Their uniforms, redolent of the age, were imported from Italy at a cost of £110 apiece. Hair-styles are short and slicked back.

Even their girlfriends dress 1950s-style, complete with pom-poms, cheerleading and chants, which they practise at home during the week. The secretary, Vivian Smivert, whose boyfriend, Liam Sproule, is the founder, does two hours' paperwork on the club's affairs each evening. "The girls would be left out otherwise," she said. "We could play softball or rounders, but the boys would not join in."



Battle stations: The City Slick Sidewinders get a pre-match briefing before the game in Regent's Park. Top strip: The art of pitching the ball

How to play the field in a striking game



Baseball is played on a shell-shaped field with a 90ft square (known as the diamond) marked at the tip. A base is set at each corner. The area within the square is the infield. Beyond the bases but between the two foul lines is the outfield. There are nine players on each side: one fielder and eight bats. The objective is to score more runs than the opposition. The leather-covered cork ball is hurled at the batter who aims to hit it with a 3ft wooden bat. A run is scored by moving from where he stands, home base, through the other three bases and back to home. A batter need only hit pitches which land in the strike zone. He is allowed three strikes

before he is out. He reaches a base safely if he beats a fielder's throw, and can return to home base either in one attempt - a home run - or, more usually, stopping at bases on the way. He can be out in other ways, the most prominent of which is to be caught. If a batter hits a home run when the bases are loaded, in other words when there are batters on first, second and third bases, they all get home. A run is scored for each batter that gets home. The team bats until three players are out. Then it goes into the field. A game consists of nine innings, a typical scoreline at the top level of British play being 10-5. In the United States it would be 5-2.

forgetting to run when batting. Others contort in muscular pain when straining their bodies with the wrong throwing action. One hot-headed Venezuelan left after one game, unable to come to terms with the strategy of his more reserved English colleagues. In the netter regions of the third division City Slick Sidewinders are not always guaranteed opposition. Reading turned up an hour late with seven men and no uniforms. "Play ball!" the words that excite fans around the world, take on a different connotation in Britain. Which does nothing to dampen the ardour of the young men who turn out in their 1950s gear, in the rain, in Regent's Park.

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So, to the astonishment of passers-by, the chants ring out in the rain. On the pitch - if it can be called that - as the grass has not been cut, rendering the ball's bounce lethal to life and limb - there is one authentic, American accent to be heard.

Edward Focher, a businessman from Montana, coaches the team voluntarily and perpetually. He sports a green felt hat with a feather in it, very much the Yankee Doodle. He speaks of "polishing technique" and "getting into game strategy".

He has coached in the United States where children play almost before they can walk, so he does not shower praise lightly. "When I saw these guys I just stood there with my mouth open," he said. They were a lot better than I expected, and they have fun. See, the third baseman arrived before I did."

Southampton Shooters and Tonbridge Bobcats. In their modest way, the Sidewinders are part of the British baseball revival which started about five years ago. The first English baseball association was formed as long ago as 1890. The game was played mainly by working-class people in the Midlands and North, their clubs often affiliated to football teams. This explains why Derby County's headquarters was (and still is) the Baseball Ground.

Games would draw several thousand spectators and players were paid, though nothing like the fortunes received by baseball stars in the world centre of the game, the United States. The Second World War put a stop to British baseball progress and it did not pick up again afterwards. Now, after a gap of more than 30 years, it has.

It is natural to think of baseball as an American game, and the Americans themselves have gone to great lengths to claim it as their own. In the early part of the century a commission of inquiry was set up to prove the game's exclusively American origin and found its hero in one Colonel Abner Doubleday, who in 1839 was credited with coining the name baseball and laying down the rules.

For decades this was the accepted wisdom and the centenary of baseball was celebrated in 1939. In that very year, however, there emerged a powerfully dissenting voice. Robert W. Sanderson, a New York librarian, started digging into baseball's origins and, finding the roots of the game not in the Mohawk Valley but in 18th-century England, he largely discredited the Doubleday legend.

There seems little doubt that most of the elements of baseball - batter, pitcher, catcher, bases - were present in a popular children's game of the period. There is a baseball reference in Jane Austen. And, whisper it not to the Chicago White Sox - or even the City Slick Sidewinders - the words "baseball" and "rounders" were virtually interchangeable.

All the same, it was the 19th-century Americans who took the game over and made it their own. In England, rounders, similar in principle but using a softer ball and a shorter bat, became a favourite game at girls' schools. But if the English did give America baseball in the first place, it is not inappropriate that the Sidewinders and their like should be claiming it back.

Still, the rules are more complex than those for rounders, not easy to pick up in a casual afternoon's watching. The same can be said for the language. A home run is a dinger. A pitcher does not throw the ball in hard but brings it. In Japan, where baseball has been the national game for almost as long as it has in the United States, the word to note is *wu*, which means total dedication to the team at the sacrifice of individual glory and money.

Salaries in the United States began to rise dramatically in the mid-1970s in relation to the increase in income from television coverage. Teams gain about \$7 million (£5,323,200) a year from ABC and NBC contracts. Twenty years ago one man was paid \$100,000 (£73,740) a year. Now, each major club has at least one millionaire in its ranks. Some have four or five.

British players, by contrast, are not paid a penny. Hull, when they toured Sweden in the 1960s, were given their uniforms by Italians and a carrier bag for their sandwiches from their treasurer. What would Babe Ruth, the most famous of all players, whose record of 60 home runs in a season stood for 34 years, make of this?

Hitting a round object squarely with another round object may seem simple. But according to *New Scientist*, it is the most difficult act in any sport. The batter has two tenths of a second to decide how to dispose of a leather ball travelling at 75mph, sometimes straight at his head. Skilful if finite execution of stroke can earn the batter more than \$1m a year. Hence the hollering over a home run.

It is also a dangerous pastime - batters have been maimed by pitchers, and pitchers have had their jaws broken by batters, and until coaching and sponsorship become effective elements of the game in Britain, jaws will be in danger.

Nor is it particularly gentlemanly. Some club owners in the United States claim that cheating is so rife now that all bats should be x-rayed before games. Buzze Bavasi, a player with California Angels said: "I will agree to that if the owners will have their heads x-rayed, too."

The British Amateur Baseball and Softball Federation, like many other organizations presiding over a minor sport in this country, waits for the day when television will come to the rescue. What it did for American Football it can do for baseball - at least that is the hope. Otherwise, the game will continue to run on a shoestring budget.

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Alan Smith was 23 before he had heard of baseball, let alone seen it played. One summer's day in 1979 he stood watching a practice match and was impressed by the intricacies of the game. He joined London Warriors and was coached by the five founding Americans. Blessed with an eye for a ball, a few years later he was one of the leading players in Britain.

Rather as Sir Robert Menzies organized his trips to Britain to coincide with Test matches, so Smith, a publisher, has arranged visits to the United States that fitted in with the baseball season. In six years he has been there 15 times watching players who, on average, earn more than \$200,000 (£157,500) per annum. Smith plays each Sunday on a council ground at Barnes and abroad once a year for nothing.

"To play baseball costs me £150-£200 a year," said Smith. "London Warriors are lucky because we receive sponsorship - few teams do. We have personal contacts. If the game was supported in this country, England could compete with the best in Europe. At present, sports shops are the main sponsors."

Smith had an England trial a few years ago. "I trucked it up. I was not impressed with the way the team was run. I am good enough to play now but the accent is on youth so I stay fit and play for the enjoyment. I intend to keep going. We have a player of 54 who can still manage short bursts of speed. It is not necessary to be a sprinter.

"Baseball requires a lot more concentration than any other team sport I have played. It is a snappier game than cricket and more tense. I played cricket at school and could field, bowl and throw a ball which helped me in baseball, but one had to re-adjust in other ways. I had to change my method of catching - in baseball the ball is caught in the web of the hand. If one tried to do that fielding in cricket, it would be a spilled chance."

What about someone who claims that rounders is a finer game? "We call an ambulance," said Smith.

A warrior armed with bat and ball

Sporting life: Alan Smith, a former star now playing for fun

HOME BASE

The British Amateur Baseball and Softball Federation administers the game in this country from Hull, and welcomes any inquiries to join clubs. The European B Championships, which Britain participates in, are sometimes staged in this country.

There are at present approximately 75 clubs in Britain. These are self-financing, although the northern Sports Council aids the game in the north. Areas of the country where baseball is making particular progress are Scotland, Devon, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, and Somerset.

Matches are usually played on Sunday afternoons and last for about three hours. They are staged in parks, on council grounds and in sports stadiums. The only essential equipment you need when joining a club is a glove. That, plus boots with flat plates, a uniform and team dues will cost between £100 and £150.

Baseball, which is centred in the United States, was a test sport at last year's Olympics and it is hoped that it will become a full sport at the next Games, in 1988.

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TRAVEL

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Around the world in thrifty ways: Budget breaks from Manhattan to Menorca that won't burn a hole in your pocket

Late search for a spot in the sun

Low-cost holidays in high season may seem an impossible combination, but there are exceptions. Anyone looking now for an inexpensive peak period holiday will find a range of choices in the spots not already booked by early bookers. It is going to be hard to find a place in the sun if your choice is the Greek Islands, Yugoslavia or Portugal's Algarve coast. Even the Atlantic coast of France, a popular area for family camping holidays, is heavily booked in July and August.

None the less, setting a price limit of £200, I came up with the following examples of high season holidays. One week in August at the Hotel Sur Menorca at Punta Prima, Menorca, with Thomas Cook for £193, inclusive of flights, transfers and half board.

Horizon's Pricebeaters scheme offers similar possibilities but on different conditions. A booking determines the departure and destination airports, the accommodation standard and meal arrangements. On arrival the company tells the client which resort and hotel or apartment has been allocated.

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Ahead for heights: The East River, Brooklyn Bridge and Long Island from the top of the World Trade Center

B and B with Uncle Sam



Bed and Breakfast in Manhattan? But where among the skyscrapers do you find the welcoming B&B signs, the mummy landlords in print frocks, the comfy semis by the sea and the reassuringly "real English" bacon, sausage, eggs, toast and tea?

Quite simply, you don't. What you do find - both here and throughout the United States - is a unique, rapidly growing and typically American style of B&B.

Welcoming signs are noticeable by their absence: in skyscraper-dominated central cities they are obviously impractical; elsewhere they are shunned for lowering the tone of the neighbourhood or for attracting the wrong kind of "guests".

Here mummy landlords have often been transformed into writers, actresses, bankers, psychiatrists and even opera singers who take in guests for fun, to fill up rooms vacated by divorced husbands or by grown-up children, to help promote their cities or areas - and for extra income.

In New York City the beds they offer may be in chic penthouses by the East or Hudson Rivers, fashionable Greenwich Village walk-ups, SoHo artists' lofts or Victorian mansions in Brooklyn Heights. Elsewhere B&Bs can be found in major cities such as Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, Denver and San Francisco; in mountain, ski, desert and beach resorts; in some of British Colonial America's most historic towns and in romantic Southern mansions, townhouses or plantations.

Breakfast may be buffet, do-it-yourself or served in considerable style, say on a magnolia-shaded terrace in Natchez, Mississippi or on a roof terrace overlooking San Francisco Bay. The menu could well be "real English" or something relatively exotic: pancakes and maple syrup in New England; cream cheese, bagels and lox in Manhattan or watermelon, eggs, grits, hash browns and ham in the South.

Only one thing is predictable on both sides of the Atlantic. B & B is good value for money when compared to hotel or motel accommodation. How do you find these gems? You contact the state or local tourist board for the area you wish to visit, purchase one of the numerous regional or national B & B guide books, or perhaps best of all, contact a B & B reservations service recommended by the appropriate tourist board.

New York City has at least two reservations agencies: Urban Ventures and The Bed and Breakfast Group (New Yorkers at Home) Inc. Urban Ventures alone represents some 500 properties with prices ranging from \$23-\$50 (£18-£39.35), single; \$32-\$75 (£24.50-£59), double, often including private bath. By comparison, most New York hotels offer nothing less than \$50 per night, single.

Among the selections are "an enormous SoHo loft owned by an artist who does museum-quality tapestries", a 21st-floor West 87th Street apartment shared with an actress and two cats, and even a whole penthouse apartment in the midst of the Lincoln Center area.

We choose a spacious first floor apartment in the East 80s. Our room was attractive with private bath; breakfast included a choice of coffee or tea, cereal, English muffins or croissants and fresh fruit or juice and evening cocktails were served on the patio.

A divorced wife with a daughter away in boarding school, our hostess had taken in guests not modicum. Their listings can make fascinating reading.

For instance, The Bed and Breakfast Group (New Yorkers at Home) lists one B & B owned by a paediatric nurse and computer salesman (both ski and white water enthusiasts) which includes a jacuzzi and an upper bedroom reached by a captain's ladder. Another, near Lincoln Center, invites you to share television "after a long day sightseeing" with a "lovely Romanian Israeli widow" who speaks five languages. And a third, featuring an indoor pool, is reached by the Roosevelt Island aerial tramway.

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only for the extra money but to meet new and different people. The majority of her guests were American business people and tourists but had included a Tunisian delegate to the United Nations, a British "rag trader" based in Paris and a Greek cultural attaché.

Many of the B & B reservations services are as interested in matching up compatible people and ambitions as in providing guests with suitable overnight accom-

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UK and remember that you must buy your airpass before you leave the UK. Here are some suggestions to narrow your choice:

- For East Coast coverage: TWA, US Air, Piedmont or New York Air.
For West Coast coverage: consider the passes of PSA or Air Cal.
Best value for a simple coast-to-coast, border-to-border routing is Ozark's three-flights pass. For example, £215 takes you New York-San Diego-St. Louis-Atlanta-New York.
Best value for extensive travel: unlimited passes offered by Northwest or Republic.
For covering long distances in a short time, consider American, United, TWA, Pan Am and other major airlines.
For coast-to-coast travel if you have time: US Air, Continental, Western or Piedmont.
Canadian airpasses are more limited in scope. There are only three options: Air Canada, CP Air and regional carrier Pacific Western. The first two fly coast-to-coast with transborder flights to the USA, while Pacific Western flies extensively within western Canada and as far east as Ontario. Its £195 four-flight pass would take you Vancouver - Calgary - Winnipeg - Edmonton - Vancouver.

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Other points to remember. Depending on the airline you have between seven and 90 days to use up your airpass. Some companies impose a surcharge during the summer peak while others have blackout dates at holiday times - check before you book. To study all the possibilities it is essential to obtain timetables and route maps. All the airlines mentioned here have offices in the

It is unlikely that any single airpass will be completely suitable but then you can always buy extra flights to bridge the gaps. Northwest is one airline thoughtful enough to let you cover the missing links in its network - for example, Los Angeles/San Francisco or New York/Washington - free of charge with other airlines.

The major airlines such as American, United or TWA have the most expensive airpasses but they also have widespread networks with plenty of non-stop flights, so you can cover ground quickly. Airpasses from the smaller carriers often work out to be better value only so long as you can fit in with their flight schedules; this often means having to change planes and travel via circuitous routings.

Specific area then look for one of the increasingly popular regional airpasses. For example,

West Coast airlines PSA and Air Cal give you 30 days' complete freedom of their networks for just £151 each. While over on the East Coast, New York Air's £141 deal lets you cover tourist destinations like New York, Boston, Washington, New Orleans and Florida.

In fact the most rewarding aspect is that you effectively become your own travel agent. The airline gives you a booklet of flight coupons enabling you to book your flights as and when you want, when the booklet runs out, you are given another.

Most other airlines are less generous with their more restricted airpass deals which are in the form of coupons. Each coupon gives one confirmed flight per destination either direct or via a connecting point, in which case one coupon covers two flights. With this method you choose your route and the number of flights and pay accordingly.

Despite the effects of the strong dollar, North American airpass deals continue to proliferate. Sold in conjunction with transatlantic air travel, these special passes are open to all visitors - whether on business or pleasure. They are a must if you plan to travel extensively within the United States and/or Canada.

This year as in previous ones airpasses still represent outstanding value. Consider that the modest sum of £319 buys you the complete freedom of Northwest's entire coast-to-coast, border-to-border network and that this particular airpass costs even less than last year. Neither will you have to spend all your time in aeroplanes. Northwest allows you up to 60 days to complete your aerial tour.

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French leave on a few francs a day

Yes, France on £10 a day is entirely possible, and with room for gluttony and indulgence, as I know from three months on the road. True, this budget assumes a lot of hitch-hiking, walking or cycling, but that need not be a hardship. The motorist of course would have to add the running costs of the car, but he does enjoy the advantage of greater mobility and the ability to carry more camping equipment peacefully, which if you are two or more and do your own cooking greatly reduces expenditure on food.

Don't try to cover huge distances. Keep away from main roads and cities. Choose a small area to explore and don't be in a hurry. Who minds spending a whole day travelling 20 miles in the Dordogne or Pays Basque? If no cars are available, take a nap in the shade or dangle your toes in the stream. You learn far more moving slowly in a limited area than ever you do watching the trucks roar by some Spaghetti Junction, as so many young travellers do. Interalliers too should beware of racketing about from city to city. You may make £600-worth of journeys in a month, but what have you seen?

'Who minds spending a whole day in the Dordogne?'

Practically every town and village in France has one or more camp sites, often in the prettiest locations. Campings municipaux are the cheapest at about 5fr per adult and 2.50fr the tent (5fr more for a car). Run by the local councils, they provide hot showers at no extra charge and are always adequately clean. In the more expensive sites you pay for amenities of no interest to the bird of passage. Never camp on private property without asking; the consequences could be dire.

Another form of cheap accommodation available in the country are Gites d'étapes (hikers' hostels) at 30fr, located in villages on the long-distance (GR) hiking trails. Anyone can use them. They are marked on the large scale maps, but tourist offices will tell you where they are.

Numerous hotels have rooms in the 50-65fr range. In towns they are generally concentrated near the railway stations. As the price is usually the same for one or two people, for couples they are an attractive alternative to Youth Hostels, which currently charge 26fr per person plus breakfast (8fr). In many towns you can also put up at the rather better appointed Foyers de Jeunes Travailleurs/Travailleurs for about 35fr.

So let's say 10fr for a night's camping, which leaves 100fr for food and extras. I spent 10-15fr on breakfast: coffee, a couple of croissants or bread, butter and jam. It is no good hankering after bacon and eggs; you have to go native.

At lunchtime I picnicked, for not more than 20fr, mostly

many youth hostels provide good meals for about 28fr. Most charcuteries and supermarkets sell excellent take-away salads from 25-40fr a kilo, stuffed tomatoes, paella, poulet basquaise (half a chicken) for 21fr. I found I could have a blow-out for around 35fr. And there are always affordable luxuries like half a dozen oysters for 4fr on the Atlantic coast or a coquille St Jacques for 10fr, so you don't feel you are missing out on the joys of French cuisine.

My last piece of advice would be to avoid the peak holiday period from mid-July to mid-August. Camp sites are crowded; youth hostels can be full. Prices are high, lifts are harder to get and local people are too busy ringing the till to talk to you.

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The Mid-Wales Development Board is also offering visitors a booklet of vouchers giving discounts on visitor attractions, available from the board at Ladywell House, Newtown, Powys SY16 1JB (0686 26965).

On the house Lunns Poly customers who book a June holiday at a selection of hotels operated by the Iberotel group in mainland Spain, the Balearics and the Canaries will qualify for vouchers worth about £9 per person per week which can be used to help pay their drinks bill.

Take in a tattoo Contiki, which specializes in touring holidays for the 18-35 age group, is putting on a series of budget-price short breaks taking in special events like the Edinburgh Tattoo and the Munich beer festival in September. The four-day Edinburgh tour in August costs £82. A nine-day tour to Munich is priced at £99. Information from Contiki on 01-637 2121.

Double time in Germany Longship Holidays, operated by the Danish Shipping line DFDS Seaways, is offering special prices for short breaks at two holidays centres in Germany for departures up to June 25. Prices start at £50 for a four-night holiday with two nights on board the Harwich-Hamburg ferry and two nights at either the Gartow or Glücksburg holiday centres. A six-night holiday costs from £70. There is a £25 reduction for children under 16, while cars go free.

Philip Ray

From July 4 £1,435 Aug 1 £1,395 Aug 9 £1,315 Aug 17 £1,435 (There are 4 Concorde from Manchester on later dates.) For full details call Cunard on 01-491 3930 or see your travel agent.

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SHOPPING

By Beryl Downing

GOOD BUYS

The name's the game

They will be naming names in Blenheim Street next week. Phillips are auctioning an interesting collection of art nouveau objects and jewellery - and the most important considerations will be the designers' names.

"We spend ages trying to find out who makes a piece, or even if it can be attributed to someone," says Keith Baker, head of the art nouveau department. "It was a period when designers were very important and a name makes a lot of difference to the price."

A very functional, silver-plated toast rack, for instance, which looks art deco or even 1950s, but in fact is a very avant-garde 1978 piece, will probably reach £1,200 because it was made by Christopher Dresser.

Josef Hoffmann's painted, metal flower vase with a hoop-banded handle, Charles Renald Macintosh's watercolour of a rhododendron and Henry Van de Velde's tortoiseshell-handled

carving knife will also be in the £1,000 class.

Ceramics, too, will attract serious collectors. There is a splendid Clarice Cliff jug painted with stylized trees and hills, estimated £600-£800 and a Bernard Moore ruby red flambé jardinière painted with herons at the same estimate.

Doulton is becoming popular with American collectors - partly because it is named and documented. If it is "in the book", at least you know what you are getting however ugly it may be, and this does sometimes apply to character jugs of which they are particularly fond.

Those in the sale include some unusual items. George Robey, with a distinctly beery nose, will probably make £80 to £100 and Mephistopheles, leaning wickedly on one side and sullenly downcast on the other, may reach £1,000.

Not everything is in the hundreds. Among the less expensive items is a charming pair of hand-painted Doulton talence vases by Mary Denley estimated to bring £80 to £120 (one is illustrated), a Lalique bowl with stylized leaf forms £80 to £20 and a selection of figurines from £40.

The sale is on Thursday from 11am at Phillips, 7 Blenheim Street, London W1. Viewing - Tues, Wed, 8.30am-4pm.



Sale selection: Doulton talence vase, and head and shoulders of George Robey figure

Spectacular opportunity

"Prices are bound to rise" was the cry when the new regulations governing opticians came into force in April. In fact the opposite has happened. Last week I had a pair of spectacles made up for less than I have ever paid - £11.50. The frames were free.

Now you and I know that nothing in life is free, so this price has to be absorbed somewhere. The way this new company, Spectacleys, is doing it is by volume sales. They buy ends of ranges, seconds or perfect frames in bulk from Hong Kong, Europe and America and have hundreds to choose from. You can walk in with a pair of spectacles or your nose or prescription in your hand and they will copy the lenses in an hour to fit any frame you choose.

Mine were straightforward and so cost the minimum price. A tint would have cost another £5, plastic lenses are from £16.50 and bifocals or complicated prescriptions would be up to £50 a pair. Free replacement is guaranteed of Spectacleys frames broken or damaged within one year.

Stephen Gould, the managing director, has been a dispensing optician since 1967 and his enterprising attitude to selling spectacles has caused a buzz or two with the General Optical Council. They are not even likely to approve of the name of his new shops as they are not fond of jolly puns. But in spite of such a stuffy attitude, two Spectacleys shops opened last week at the Riverside

Centre, Lewisham and 49 High Road, Wood Green. In addition, branches in Hounslow, Bromley and Uxbridge will open by the end of June, more are planned for central London by the end of the year and 20 throughout the country within 18 months.

All will be staffed by qualified dispensing opticians. You will not be able to get an eye test, but this is still free at any optician and you are entitled to take your prescription away with you. With luck, the type of operation will be the answer to the existence of non-qualified people selling spectacles, which could be a result of the new laws. In a recently publicized case "off the page" reading glasses were offered for £15 - more than the Spectacleys's custom made lenses.

"I believe it is not a good idea to allow non-qualified people to dispense spectacles," says Stephen Gould. "People should have their eyes tested every one or two years, but many have left it for four or five because the cost of frames was so prohibitive."

"Our audience allows those options who don't want the hassle of selling frames to get on with the prescription side, the doctors. Several have said they would like to open up next door to us - we sell the frames and do the advertising, they stick to the medical side."

"Things have to change. It's a business doesn't change in five years you are doing something wrong. Our next move may be to open free-standing superstores specializing in optics with eye examinations franchised to self-employed opticianic opticians. Say 10,000 square feet with a car park."

One thing is for sure. Myopia is not one of Stephen Gould's problems.

Crafty looks at the Arabs

The Middle East is giving both an economic boost and artistic inspiration to a resurgent section of British industry

A glittering Arabian palace and a rural Oxfordshire barn have about as much in common as Joan Collins and Little Dorrit. But on either side of the geographical gulf, both have been helping some terminally ill British crafts to a full recovery.

The Middle Eastern market is an extremely demanding one, but it offers rich pickings to those companies who take the trouble to understand it. Among them are Blanchards, the Sloane Street interior designers, who since their foundation in 1974 have made such a success of their overseas commissions that this month they will be going public.

Before they reached that peak they had a fairly rocky climb. Their budding business nearly foundered when a large Portuguese venture collapsed in the 1974 revolution. They also suffered from a gradual decline of Sloane Street between 1975 and 1980 when many traders went out of business.

In 1981 the area started to recover and empty shops were taken over by fashionable names. Blanchards, too, flourished, and they are now dealing in projects which average £200,000 to £500,000 and sometimes reach several million.

"Most people in the Middle East don't want to become involved with who is going to fix the plumbing," says Alexander Aldbrook, managing director of Blanchards. "They are looking for a company that will stick to an agreed price - if problems arise that's your responsibility - and to an agreed completion date."

"They are unique in not only seeking the best but in being prepared to pay for it. They have had a bad press in this country, but you have to go back to the Medics to find anything like the resurgence of craftsmanship which they have brought about."

Notable among those crafts are fibrous plaster mouldings, gilding and decorative mirror-work - all dying skills 15 years ago.

Plasterers, for instance, had a bad time from the 1940s to 1960s, when people were ripping out cornices and covering everything with hardboard.

The nostalgic 1970s decided that anything old was better than everything new, and authentic restoration was the interior designer's creed. New companies like Hayles & Howe, ornamental plasterers, began to train a second generation of craftsmen.

Much of their work is for houses and flats - the restoration of a cornice, for instance, in



Steps to success: Philippa Kain, of Hayles & Howe; (right) Jacqueline Horsford gilds furniture

an average room which will cost about £500. But their connection with Blanchards and the Arab countries has brought not only more elaborate commissions, but new skills.

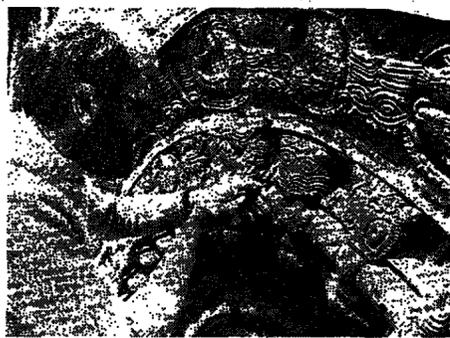
"It would be very boring simply to do reproductions all the time," says one of the company's partners, David Hayles. "The Arabs bring a completely different dimension to the work because we have to start from scratch, modelling and creating new designs."

"They also have a completely different tradition. Their plasterwork is not crisp and precise like an Adam ceiling but is still done in the style of the Alhambra - individual sections being full of wavy lines and mistakes, like a Persian carpet, but the whole a superb work of art. Our association with them has increased our craftsmen's artistic appreciation."

A family of much longer standing might also have declined had it not been for overseas-commissions. T. & W. Ide was founded in 1830 as a builder's merchant and developed into mirror specialists through the invention of glass-bending by the great-grandfather of the present chairman, Rufus Ide.

They now produce spectacular glass screens and panels for palaces in Bahrain and hotels in Sri Lanka while the glass industry has shrunk round them until only about one third of its craftsmen are left.

Jacqueline Horsford, on the contrary, has recently taken on an apprentice to help her with the increasing amount of gilding



Sure touch: Michael Eastham, conservator of monuments

of village life, allied to old skills and new technology, could be the lifeline for declining rural areas.

Village Enterprise has now become a regular June fixture and last week attracted 10,000 visitors.

"A lot of small studios like ours are being given our bread and butter by such commissions, which allows us to take on 16- to 21-year-old apprentices," she says.

"Without an up-and-coming generation of craftsmen the skills would die out completely."

Employing young people by keeping the crafts alive is also a by-product of Village Enterprise in Oxfordshire. In 1983 the craftspeople of five adjoining villages held an open week to show that the community spirit

the few women Master Saddlers in the country.

Also at Home Farm is Michael Eastham, who is a conservator of monuments and sculpture. His work has included the renovation of all the casts for the Ruskin Gallery in Sheffield.

All sorts of materials come under his expert eye - sandstone, limestone, marble and alabaster, plaster, wood and bronze - and he undertakes work for collectors of small sculptures as well as for museums. His work is rather too rarefied to be augmented by the Village Enterprise scheme, but, he says, "People see us as an entertainment and the open week does spread the gospel."

As understanding is half-way to appreciation a craftsman can hardly ask for more, for there can be no more irritating question when you have whittled away several weeks of your life than "Why does it cost so much?"

Industrial strength may be the lifeblood of the national economy, but for those who face a future of increasing "leisure" - enforced or self-imposed - craftsmanship will be the lifeline of the individual.

Blanchards, 178 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-235 8612); Michael Eastham, Unit 10 Home Farm, Ardington, Oxfordshire (0235 833135); Sally Gault, Home Farm, Ardington, Oxfordshire (0235 833719); Hayles & Howe, 37 Picton Street, Montpellier, Bristol (0272 46673); Jacqueline Horsford, 13 Great Plain Place, London SW9 (01-834 8255); T & W Ide, Glasshouse Fields, London E1 (01-780 2333).

DESIGN FILE

Modern market

A new-style market in Edinburgh was this week awarded the £1,000 prize given by the National Association of Shopfitters to encourage good design.

The Waverley Market is in a unique position next to Waverley Station and the North British Hotel. The view across the valley is protected by an Act of Parliament of 1816 which imposed a height restriction above the street.

An underground produce market in Victorian times, the site became an eyesore when the market was demolished to make a car park. Now the new market is a landscaped plaza outside, and with only flagpoles and granite pinnacles breaking the height limit, the views across the valley are preserved.

Inside the market takes the form of a series of galleries, lit from above through glass roofs. There are no "anchor stores", which normally feature in modern shopping developments, but instead a high proportion of space is devoted to food outlets and small, high-grade shops.

A kit of parts was used for the shop fronts to allow individual identity within the overall design concept. The whole, designed by Building Design Partnership, Glasgow, was described by one of the judges - Jane Fraser, head of Industrial Design at the Design Council - as "an essay in professionalism".

CONSUMER NEWS

Shattering reports

Anyone thinking of buying a gas cooker with a glass lid should be aware that some are potentially dangerous, warns the Consumer Safety Unit of the Department of Trade and Industry.

The unit has received several reports of glass lids shattering when being closed inadvertently over a lit burner or even by coming into contact with the edge of a hot pan on the hob.

Any glass lidded cooker (not to be confused with ceramic hobs) should have four features:

- A cut-off device to turn off the gas when the lid is lowered.
- A gap at the hinge side of the lid so that pans in use do not touch the lid when it is upright.
- Toughened glass to British Standard 3193.
- A mechanism to prevent the lid from falling.

The Consumers' Association, which has been campaigning for years for increased safety measures for such cookers, also recommends that a top limit of 70°C should be set for the metal fronts and sides of cookers below the hob and 90°C for glass viewing panels.

Anyone who owns a glass-topped cooker which does not have the recommended features is advised by the DTI Safety Unit to take great care to turn off all burners before lowering the lid, but those who have seen the horrifying pictures of shattering glass shown on BBC's *Breakfast Time* might consider it better to get rid of such cookers as soon as possible.

Croft PARTICULAR

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DRINK

Fruits of a Bordeaux miracle

A miracle took place in Bordeaux in 1978. Perhaps not quite in the same league as the lowest and fishes but for the Bordeaux wine trade a remarkable event none the less. With so many millions of francs tied up in the wine-business, every movement of the vine is monitored by the trade with a passionate and, often to an outsider, all too lenient devotion. Yet right from the beginning of the 1978 growing season even the Bordelais were struggling to find a good word for the year.

To start with, 1977 had been a difficult year when many vines had suffered frost damage and all through the early part of 1978 there had been no restorative warmth. Spring was late too and when it eventually did come it brought little but cold, wet weather which set the vines back further still. Amid growing Bordeaux concern the flowering took place at long last around June 10 - about two weeks later than usual - in equally cold, unpleasant conditions.

The 1978 summer continued its inclement course and by the middle of August the wine men reckoned the vintage was three weeks behind schedule and even later than the disastrous 1977 vintage. It was then, when almost everyone had given up hope, that the miracle happened - the sun came out and it

continued to be hot and sunny right through to the inevitably late harvest which began on October 9. And apart from a beneficial bout of two or three days in September, the months leading up to the harvest were the driest the Bordelais had seen in 20 years.

The grapes too were picked in perfect condition, unusual for such a late harvest. And when the average-sized crop of 1978 red wines were finally assessed the following spring, everyone agreed that those properties who had waited until the grapes were fully ripe and picked late had made wines that had enough colour, fruit, tannin, body and acidity to make a good, if not great, vintage.

In retrospect the miracle last-minute vintage of 1978 was thought both by the Bordelais and the British to be one of the top three vintages of the 1970s alongside 1970 and 1975. But given such a difficult growing season no one was quite certain

DRINK NOTES

The 1978 clarets are still available on merchants' lists and the following all have a good selection: Adams, Sole Bay Brewery, Southwold, Suffolk; Corney & Barrow, 12 Helmet Row, London EC1; Tamers, 28 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury; Lay & Wheeler, 6 Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex.

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Paperbacks

Perfection is in the love of the classics

The Greek Experience by G. M. Bowers (Waldenfeld & Nicholson, £7.95)

Sir Maurice Bowra was notoriously more sparkling in conversation than on paper. Only the ghost of his brilliance survives. He did his writing extremely early in the morning. But he thought deeply about Greece and the Greeks, and constantly reread their writings. In his more popular works about them it was unkindly said that he wrote the same book six times.



Durable: Maurice Bowra

is a hard test of his prose style, but the text does stand up on its own, and there is still no better summary in English of what the ancient Greeks were like and what they achieved, though it first appeared in 1957.

they have a durable quality. "A people gets the gods which it deserves" is a good beginning. The paragraph that follows is both true and extremely funny. His observations are never less than sharp in chapter after chapter. Yet his basic perception of Greece and the Greeks is always the same. It is very unVictorian and invigorating. He likes Greek religion for its dogmatism, its "generous freedom and inclusive tolerance", and he thinks that Greek artists learnt their sense of space from the natural patterns of the Greek landscape separated by sky and sea, which "allow to each its own character". His point of view is admirably personal.

The classics have always had different things to teach to different generations. Robert Lowell observed that part of their fascination is that they can never be absorbed. For Maurice Bowra they were a liberating force, something like the Russian spring. He spoke before anyone else did of "the place given to eros, which means in the first place passionate love, but extends its meaning far beyond physical desire to many forms of intellectual and spiritual passion".

This book is not only about the classics, it is about life, and how we ought to live.

Peter Levi

REVIEW



Legendary inspiration: Pegasus, the winged horse on which poets rode in Greek mythology

A time when death was commonplace

Death and the Enlightenment by John McManners, (Oxford University Press, £8.95)

There is a legend that when a servant lit a torch at the bedside of the dying Voltaire, the enfant terrible of the Enlightenment opened his eyes and asked "Des flammes?" - "d'ja?" The truth is more prosaic but equally characteristic. Having stated his belief in God to the cure, but carefully dodging the more pressing theological questions, Voltaire said simply, "Let me die in peace". Thus he settled his differences with the Church but did not entirely yield to it.

Despite its title, *Death and the Enlightenment* is by no means a gloomy book but the century in which Voltaire and his colleagues, the philosophes, were such controversial figures did have its grim side. Death from pneumonia, malaria, typhoid, typhus, dysentery and smallpox were commonplace. Buffon's calculation that half the population died before the age of eight was about right. Physicians, while recommending mercury for venereal disease and quinine for malaria, were slow to advance in a time of new ideas and continued to prescribe the more familiar old potions of powdered skull, human excrement, ground-up jewels, and fresh cow's urine.

In the early 18th century hunger, cold, the fear of disease and hellfire after death were

life, but as the century unfolded it slowly shed its quasi-medieval load to make way for ideas which we can recognize as belonging to our own time. Almost imperceptibly, a secularization of thought took place which made society look to itself rather than the Church for ways to a better life.

Funerals and deathbed scenes gradually became less elaborate and less public. Wills were seen more as legal documents than as Christian testaments and money, formerly bequeathed for personal masses, went instead to charity.

In 1769, vaccination for smallpox became officially accepted and the great improvement in municipal hygiene contributed to an astonishing population increase of 10 million by the end of the century. Another noteworthy development was the growing importance of the science of statistics. Imported from England and known as Political Arithmetic, it came to be considered a necessity "for good, certain and easy government".

Professor McManners has based his book on a wide-ranging exploration of diaries, letters, literature, ecclesiastical records, medical treatises and works by contemporary French historians.

This has resulted in a book which is a compendium of individual voices over 100 years. Laid out before us are the *bons mots*, gossip, advice, aphorisms, and statements of faith (or lack of it) of hundreds of human beings who hoped for the allotted span of 70 years but believed their chances, though improving, to be slim.

Cumulatively, the effect is as though we are overhearing the musings and murmurings of voices in another room or through a half-open door. If there is criticism to be made it is that for the general reader there are, perhaps, too many voices. Nevertheless, it must be emphasized that *Death and the Enlightenment* is a fascinating *vide-mecum* into archives of 18th-century France.

This remarkable century drew to a close with the extremism and bloodshed of the French Revolution. As the author says, we are still a long way from understanding the deep discontinuity between the rational scepticism of the *ancien régime* and the "lurid de-Christianization of the Terror".

Our own century has provided further testimony that we cannot yet manage our affairs. Illumination of the darker side of human nature is badly needed if we are to create the humane society which the philosophes of the Enlightenment looked forward to with such confidence.

Anne Barnes

Isabel Butterfield

Clear vision of a blind man

NON FICTION

Vedi by Ved Mehta (Picador, £2.95)

If you walk down Dover Street (OK, correction, if I walk down Dover Street) with Ved Mehta, I am more likely to bump into lamp-posts and little old ladies than his *Vedi*, which made him blind as an infant, has given him extraordinary sensitivity to the world of sight out here, and he has taught himself an exact and enduring voice as a writer. Nobody, not even Edward Blisden, can so transmute the everyday events of life; and, of course, the life of a little blind Indian boy is not everyday. *Vedi* is the third of the series of books he is writing about himself and his family, son of *Daddy* and *Mama*, predecessor of *The League Between the Streams* and ancestor we hope, of many more. It starts with Ved, not yet four and blind, leaving home for an Indian orphanage for the blind in Bombay, 900 miles away, where nobody spoke his native language. "I remember the train whistle. It blew with a rush of steam. . . . Without sentimentality or self-pity he recreates that vanished and

alien world in one of the richest works of memory of our century. *Purgatory*, Vol II of *The Divine Comedy* by Dante, translated with an introduction, notes and commentary by Mark Musa (Penguin Classics, £2.95)

The *Purgatory* is less accessible than the *Inferno*, and less fun, dealing with the origins of sin rather than the fruits, and with theological argument more than with suffering but vivid sinners. Even Dante has difficulty in understanding what Beatrice is on about on occasions. Musa renders the Renaissance Italian into clear and dignified blank verse, with notes to help us climb the terraces of Mount Purgatory. I wish they could afford to print the text opposite the translation. *Puro e disposto a scendere a valle*. . . Roll on, Paradise. As I Was Saying by C. H. Rolph (Police Review, £3.95)

Rolph is the sort of policeman who gives the force a good name. He has been scribbling for the *Police Review*, the *New Statesman*, *The Spectator* and *Punch* for 50 years, often but by no means always about police, criminal, criminological and prison matters. This is a small

selection from his journalism and the tone of voice is unmistakably humane, sensible, witty. Letters 1931-68 by Jean Rhys, edited by Francis Wyndham and Diana Mely (Penguin, £4.95)

Anybody who has tried to scratch a living as a writer through penury, word block and loneliness should read these letters both as encouragement and awful warning. "Never lose heart. You are young and better things will happen. . . . Jean Rhys is disorganised, endearing, very open, funny and indomitable. *Something Wholesale* by Eric Newby (Picador, £2.95)

We think of Newby as one of our First-Division travel writers, a team with which Britain leads the world. But before he started his short walk in the Hindu Kush he worked for 11 years as a rep in the rag trade in his family's *haute couture* firm. I don't know that that is there anything worth knowing about fashion? but it will make you giggle.

Philip Howard

No refuge in withdrawal

FICTION

Offside by Gisela Elmer (Virago, £3.95)

Lilo Besslein is not quite Madame Bovary, but she has some similar problems. She lives with her husband and baby daughter in middle-class, urban Germany and she is bored. She likes her daughter well enough but she does not want to devote herself wholly to motherhood and she is alienated both by her husband's expectation that she should do so, and by his competitive fatherliness. So she withdraws. Her life becomes empty and she turns to tranquilizers. A routine job, a lover, only to find that all these refuges require her to face impossible decisions. It would be a depressing story if it were not done so coolly.

Old New York by Edith Wharton (Virago, £3.95)

In this set of four short novels, Edith Wharton writes about the rich families of New York in the 19th century. They see themselves as a sort of untitled aristocracy and adopt a strict social code in order to bolster their sense of their own superiority.

Edith Wharton is concerned with the way in which, in her world, power over money meant a stranglehold power over people - and particularly women. Although she is not an outspoken feminist, in many of her descriptions of fashion and style she sees clearly the subtle and firmly of ways of keeping women firmly within a restricted social framework.

Success by Martin Amis (Penguin, £1.95)

This is a simple moral tale about two young men sharing a flat in the traditional Amis-land of Central Line London. Gregory is well off for every thing - money, good looks, sexual opportunity, exquisite taste - except any awareness of life beyond his immediate selfish little vanities.

Terry seems to have nothing. He wears horrible clothes, loses girlfriends, worries about baldness and bad breath. But he is meek enough to inherit the earth, or at least to make a bit of money and achieve his own sort of success, while Gregory slides snobbishly into breakdown. It is an older and more weary novel than *The Rachel Papers* but the same coruscating wit illumines

the dark corners of post-adolescence.

G by John Berger (Chatto, £3.95)

G is an heroic figure. Born, four years after the death of Garibaldi, to an Italian businessman and his American mistress he was then brought up by relatives on an English farm. These discordant elements in his background enable him to greet the arrival of the 20th century with a freedom from inhibition and a sexual energy which reflect many of the aspirations of that unsettled period. When a man first flies a plane across the Alps he is there to watch. When war breaks out he is in Trieste. He lives life to the full, even going to his death almost as if it were another sexual experience.

When this novel won the Booker prize in 1972 it was praised for its structure, for the author's careful use of the storyteller's role. More striking now is the impressionistic quality of Berger's style which enables him to use both detail and sudden silence to convey his own particular sense of reality.

Anne Barnes

Isabel Butterfield

EATING OUT

Simplicity's singular attractions

Stan Hey extols the virtues of places that offer just one menu



The idea of dining out at an establishment offering only one menu might seem a little like playing "restaurant roulette" - the fatal chamber being filled by your least favourite dish. However, the single-menu approach is proving very popular.

From the restaurateur's point of view, it enables costs to be kept down and should allow the kitchen to concentrate its abilities. In theory, it means also that a chef will be stimulated by the challenge of creating a menu every day. The benefits to the customer should translate accordingly.

Mr Underhill's, which is on the A140 between Ipswich and Diss, is run by a young couple, Chris and Judy Bradley, who have widespread catering experience (big hotels, fashionable London restaurants). They started with the one-menu system four years ago, as a matter of simple economics. Being a small, rural restaurant, it just could not support an extensive à la carte operation, so the Bradleys decided to make a virtue of their limitations.

Chris Bradley, the chef, is influenced mainly by the modern French masters and offers his versions of their dishes regularly. The fixed-price dinner menu (£15.95) includes four courses, coffee and home-made petits fours. You are told what it comprises when you make a reservation.

boudin noir, with onions in cassis. Our own menu began with a storming soufflé smothered twice (once in the dish, once turned out), and served with a nicely-balanced cheese and mustard sauce. Main dishes that have proved popular include fillet of beef with a green peppercorn Béarnaise, fillet of turbot with a smoked salmon sauce, and supreme of pheasant in celery sauce.

The Bradleys have a good supplier of poultry, as our main dish, sliced supreme of duck with a light Cointreau sauce, proved. Third courses are unchanging, a smashing selection of top quality cheeses, from the shop of Shirley Webster Jones at Outon Broad in Norfolk, which are served with a massive, fresh salad.

For desserts the Hobson's Choice principle is abandoned and sorbets (apple and calvados, poire, William, lime and avocado, for example) and ice

creams (honey and Armagnac, coffee, and *Tia Maria*) are available, as well as a freshly-baked tart (lemon, lime, banana, prune and Armagnac) or perhaps the restaurant's long-standing favourite, chocolate marquisse with Drambuie sauce. They provide an imaginative and reasonably-priced wine list, plus friendly but precise service.

Clarke's, a London one-menu establishment which opened recently, has a distinctly more brittle atmosphere, brought about by what seems a rather self-conscious clientele. The premises, lightly-coloured and airy, are nevertheless attractive in a summery way, and there is more than enough imagination in Sally Clarke's menus to give substance to the fashionable veneer.

Her four-course dinners, which cost just £15, are excellent value and should provide ample choice over a week. The main courses on three evenings last week were respectively, corn-fed chicken with mustard sauce and fresh pasta, char-grilled Scotch rump steak, and fish, fresh from the market and served on bed of spinach. English cheeses and puddings, and such starters as guinea-fowl pâté, chilled orange and carrot soup, and marinated wild salmon with dill, should continue to draw the crowds.

Stan Hey

OUT AND ABOUT

A walk on London's wild side

Today the Ramblers' Association celebrates its 50th anniversary, what better moment to recommend walking as an enjoyable form of exercise. And where better to do it than London, which offers an amazing variety of accessible paths.

The 160-mile path commonly known as the Thames Walk begins in Putney. It follows the River Thames through seven counties to Gloucestershire. Disused ferries make continuous walking difficult but the clear, 18-mile stretch from Putney to Hampton Court offers more changes of scene and heritage than an equivalent distance upstream, including two royal palaces and three riverside country mansions.

William the Conqueror, who built Windsor Castle on a bend in the river, also enclosed Windsor Great Park. The estate roads, mostly staked out under George III's personal supervision, are open only to horses and bicycles. This has turned the whole area into a walker's paradise where the Queen Mother's secluded royal lodge or the royal model staff village are beyond the reach of lazy tourists. Numerous paths are to be found in the vast, wooded Virginia Water, which was created in the eighteenth century to give work to the Duke of Cumberland's redundant army.

The Lee Valley Park in the northeast of London is less than 20 years old, it embraces the once-deserted land on each side of the River Lee, which now flows through peaceful water meadows. In 1665 the river

Leigh Hatts takes an historic tour around the highways and byways of the city's green belt

was the only route open to carry essential supplies into a city gripped by the Great Plague.

The Norman church the Carol King, the *Herold Angels Sing* was first sung to the now-familiar Mendelssohn tune. A bus stop outside but it is possible to approach from the north after a walk across the meadows and round the monastic fish-ponds. The 20-mile-long park is remarkably well served by five stations on the Liverpool Street-Hertford line.

The countryside is also served by the Underground. The Metropolitan line, reaching into the Chilterns, is well known as one of the late Sir John Betjeman's favourites; the Poet Laureate also expressed a desire to become station master of Ongar at the far eastern end of the Central line in Essex. At North Weald station

(now open only during the rush hours) the countryside runs right up to the platform; passengers can use London Transport's only heli crossing to take a fine footpath up into the wood and on to the Essex Way.

Between these two lovely stations, at Greensted-juxta-Ongar, ramblers can find the world's oldest log church, which dates back to 845 and was where the Tolpuddle Martyrs sought refuge from the prejudice of Dorset. On the way back to London the line passes through Epping where the Forest is known as "London's back garden".

The Piccadilly line also ends up in the green belt. Directly opposite Oakwood station is a path which leads past a pond and into a wood in the GLC's own 360-acre country park. Trent Park is maintained in as natural a state as possible to the north, but still in London; one can stand on Enfield Chase and see only farmland owned by the GLC.

The loss of the railway from Highgate to Alexandra Palace has left the London borough of Haringey with a fine railway path now called the Parkway Walk which sweeps through N22, N10, N6, N8, N19 and N4 to make an eight-mile round walk served by the Northern and Victoria lines.

Leigh Hatts is the author of *Country Walks Around London* which gives details of more than 100 miles of paths in and around London (David & Charles, Newton Abbot, Devon, £6.95).

OUTINGS

SOUTH OF ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW: A pretty location. All classes of sheep, cattle; top class showjumping, heavy horse displays, pony club games, beagle packs, dog showjumping, parachuting, the Royal Navy window ladder and mast marring display and the Band of the Royal Marines. The Showground, Ardingly, near Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Today 9am-7.30pm. Adult £4, child £1.

BORDERS COUNTRY FAIR: Annual event featuring several country pursuits, including trout fly casting. Also dog racing, helicopter and other aerial displays, craft and trade stalls and demonstrations, floral art stands, shooting competitions. Plus Walks starting from the Visitor Centre at 2pm. Also a crèche throughout the day.

The Hinsel, Coldstream, today and tomorrow 10.30am-5pm. Adult £1.50, child under-15 free.

JUNE FLYING EVENING: Weather permitting, some of Shuttleworth Collection's oldest planes will take to the air this evening, including a Blériot XI, Avro Triplane and Bristol Boxkite. Space to picnic or there is a new restaurant. Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Beds (076727 288). Tonight from 7pm-9pm. Car plus occupants £5, adult pedestrian £1.50, child £1.

THE PITCHFORK PASTELLION CELEBRATIONS: Reenactment of the rebellion which ended 300 years ago at the bloody Battle of Sedgemoor. Hundreds of participants in period costume, parades, Morris dancers and pageants throughout today and continuing throughout the week, parades, pageants a "treble march" and band performances and plenty of street entertainment a few miles away in Chard.

Lyme Regis, Dorset today, Chard, Somerset, today until June 18.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

A Falkland hero's inner battle

Whispers from the Welsh hills

THAMESIDE FESTIVAL 1985. A series of concerts celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA and the 30th anniversary of the Birth of Elgar and Handel.

TELEVISION

Two years ago Q.E.D. made Simon's War, a film about Simon Weston, a Welsh Guardsman who had his hands and face badly burned when the Sir Galahad was attacked at Bluff Cove during the Falklands war a year earlier.

by Mavis Nicholson with prominent women who have passed retirement age, but who continue to be professionally active. The first subject of My Experience (Tues, 3.45-5.00pm) is Barbara Castle, who enthusiastically trots out her well-documented reminiscences of her political career and private life.



Soldier of misfortune: Simon Weston rebuilding his life three years after the inferno on the Sir Galahad

RADIO

A new radio play by Susan Hill is always an event, and Radio 3 have not one, but two coming up. The first, Autumn (tomorrow, 7.45-8.15pm) introduces us to Tom and Eva, a middle-aged couple living in the aftermath of an appalling domestic tragedy.

Meanwhile, in the pocket of countryside around Tenby, known as Little England Beyond Wales, the characters are at work. These local faith-healers are the subject of Whispers to Make You Well (Radio 4, Sunday, 8-8.30pm), a programme by Tovey Mason, who was once cured of a skin complaint by a charmer.

From the Radio 4 blockbuster department this week comes The Marriage Maze (Thursday, 7.40-9pm), an investigation of marriage and its tendency to break down. There are documentary features, interviews, studio discussions, music, a phone-in on "marital strain", and even a specially commissioned Gallup report.

Also thinking big is Music for the People (Radio 4, Wednesday, 8.15-8.45pm), a 10-part history of the folk song revival, written and presented by Jim Lloyd. In the first programme he talks to a host of "folkies", including Ewan MacColl, Cyril Tawney and Ursula Vaughan-Williams.

The American dream that became a nightmare

FILMS ON TV

Channel 4 rushed in where Hollywood feared to tread, with the result that El Norte, one of the most impressive films of 1984, is being shown on television barely weeks after completing its run in the cinema (Thurs, 9.30-11.55pm).

dialogue was in Spanish and would have to be sub-titled: there were no stars or even any actors anyone had heard of, and anyway who would want to watch a film about poor Guatemalan peasants? After vainly trying to persuade Nava and Thomas to lead Brooke Shields in the lead role, speaking English, Hollywood gave up and the film was produced independently.

RECOMMENDED

Private's Progress (1956): The original film version of England's favourite national service send-up. Stars (172-885 8649). Directed by Ken Loach, with Ian Carmichael, Dennis Price and Terry-Thomas. (BBC1, tomorrow, 3.10-4.45pm).

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OCTET IN FIELDS. Today, 7.30pm, Sutton Place, near Guildford, Surrey (0463 804455). Members of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields Spring Octet play Dvořák's Sextet Op 48, the Sextet from Strauss's Capriccio and Mendelssohn's Octet Op 20.

ROCK & JAZZ

KIM PARKER. Tonight, Royal Albert Hall, 8.00pm. Kim Parker, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 6747). Perfectly at home in a jazz club and assisted by an excellent five-piece band, including the former Rockpile guitarist Billy Bremner.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA. Covent Garden (01-240 1086). Cool fan tulle stands alone this week: the stalwart revival of John Cox's production runs tonight, Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET. Covent Garden (01-240 1066). Moya Wood, Fred Astaire. A new young cast, Deirdre Eyden and Jonathan Cope, perform La Bayadère Mon, and on Fri Jay Jolley dances it for the first time.

CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1, 437 2001. Love's Labours Lost. A comedy of manners by William Shakespeare. Directed by John Gielgud.

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AT THE KEYS: Mieczyslaw Horszowski, the Polish pianist who at the age of 93 must be one of the oldest soloists to grace a concert platform, is returning to the Edinburgh Festival for a programme of Handel, Bach, Scarlatti, Chopin and Villa-Lobos. The Matings, Snape, Suffolk, tomorrow, 8pm (072885 3543).

RADIO

ON SAFARI: Geraldine James, the battling Lady Maud of Blot on the Landscape, plays another redoubtable woman in Explorers Extraordinary. In 1882 Mary Kingsley, unmarried at 30, ventured into West Africa, surviving cannibals, crocodiles and a 15-foot plunge into a jungle trap. Radio 4, today, 3.30-4pm.

GALLERIES

GAD, SIR: Colonel Blimp, David Low's sage of the Turkish bath, from the exhibition English Caricature: 1620 to the Present Day. All the barbed pens are here, from Hogarth, Gillray and Rowlandson to Gerald Scarle and Ralph Steadman. From Wednesday at the Victoria and Albert Museum (01-589 8371).

TELEVISION

MEMORY LANE: Patrick Troughton, a versatile actor whose range has spanned Dr Who and Shakespeare, in Long Term Memory, a play by M. J. Read which opens BBC2's summer drama season. He plays a man who walked out on his family 21 years ago but now wants to see them again. Tuesday, 9.35-10.30pm.

FILMS

IN THE PINK: Julie Walters in She'll Be Wearing Pink Pyjamas, her first film since Educating Rita. She is one of eight women running the gauntlet of rockfaces, nights in the open and aching feet on a Lake District survival course. From Friday at Classic Haymarket (01-639 1927) and Gate Bloomsbury (01-837 1177).

BOOKS

AMBLER'S TALES: Eric Ambler, author of such classic spy thrillers as The Mask of Dimitrios and Journey into Fear, has written his autobiography, Here Lies (Weidenfeld and Nicolson,  12.95). He reflects on his south London childhood, an early career in advertising and the frustrations of writing scripts for films.

Maestro who leads a double life

Andr  Previn is a small man who watches you warily from beneath what remains of the last surviving Beatles haircut in show business. His voice is mid-Atlantic and his clothes are an unmistakable trans-national style Anglairs - brown houndstooth jacket with clashing blue shirt and a blotchy rather than explicitly polka-dot maroon tie. The grandees of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra once quarrelled with his somewhat dodgy dress sense when he took to wearing a black tunic on the podium - but just for the moment, in London at least, he can wear what he likes.

Andr  Previn, the man with two orchestras and his own music festival, talks to Bryan Appleyard

they are so well-paid that all they have to do with their lives is devote them to the orchestra. Here, just to make ends meet, they have to do films, jingles, teach and generally run around taking what they can get.

In general the playing of classical music in London is not the glittering, hand-kissing business it is in Europe or the United States. There are five orchestras for the one city as opposed to one in Pittsburgh or Los Angeles and competition is fierce. Seats are rarely sold by subscription so every ticket for every show has to be pushed as hard as possible. Empty seats are not earning money as they are in the American concert halls thanks to the social cachet of buying season tickets.

But the advantage of this is a noticeable difference in the audience. Previn is fond of quoting one conductor who said that in the United States he felt he was providing a luxury - in London music feels like a necessity. "Over here people are always coming up to me in the street and talking about music. They watch television programmes, they go to the concerts, they buy the records and they want to talk to you about it."

From October Previn will be able to enjoy the best of both worlds as he then starts as music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, a task which will take 16 weeks of his year and which he is confident he can merge with the work for the RPO.



"I didn't take the LA job until I had made sure the season could be juxta-posed without short-changing either party - it can be done, although I realize I'll have to go to California the way other people go to Brighton."

Overall the two jobs represent a neat balance at the cinema to his classically unconventional career. His classical training was followed by 10 years of fascination with jazz - originally brought on by the sound of Art Tatum playing Sweet Lorraine. Work in Hollywood followed, a phase which he remembers with some affection, although he did

ensure that his work with the LA Philharmonic would not oblige him to come into contact with the film world. And finally he slipped into the big classical circuit with permanent posts at Houston, the London Symphony Orchestra and Pittsburgh as well as guest performances with just about every major orchestra in the world.

As for what effect Previn's return to a permanent post will have on the London music scene, only time will tell. There is no doubt that years of relative poverty have begun to threaten its place in the international order. Most obviously, programmes

here are almost always desperately safe, in reaction to the potential dangers of risk-taking in the current climate. Previn, backed by the RPO, plans to change some of that.

"The safest repertoire in the world has not been proven to fill seats; so if you can't fill them anyway, you might as well not fill them by playing other music. I don't mean the programmes will be loaded with premieres, just music that isn't always played to death."

It is still possible to surprise an audience with a piece by Tippett. And I'm playing a new piece by Jacob Druckman, a remarkable

composer who doesn't write the kind of music you kids will whistle on the way to school. I'm not going to lay claim to an attitude like that of Pierre Boulez where I'll claim to educate the audience. I don't like all modern programmes. I don't like anything that isn't worth listening to.

Previn will not, however, be asking the RPO to take on Stockhausen - "it's because of my own miserable shortcomings, I just don't get it. Others would do a better job than me."

So London will be led gently by the hand both in the direction of so-far relatively little played French and American music and of the acceptably modern. "I just like instruments being played the way they were built - in other words scores that say break a beer bottle on the cello [and not to do. Also when the instructions on the score are longer than the score, I tend not to be interested]."

Despite the large jazz element in the first South Bank Festival, Previn is no longer involved in this form. He still takes a passionate interest in it, but has simply grown absolutely opposed to any artificial attempts to bring the two forms together.

"The greatest trumpeter in the jazz world is Dizzy Gillespie. He's a friend and an idol and he was kind enough to let me know that he had written some scores he wanted to play with a full orchestra. I said no because I don't think it works. If you want to hear Dizzy for what he's great at then you must hear him alone and if you want to hear a symphony orchestra at its best then you must hear them unencumbered by an environment that's alien to them."

So there will be Druckman, Knussen and Harbison for the leading edge of the classical side and Peterson, Fitzgerald and Westbrook for jazz. All carefully separated, though united under the banner of the Andr  Previn Music Festival. He is not about to proclaim a revolution but then the RPO is in no position to back one and the Bankers' Trust Company, which is putting up  100,000 of sponsorship for the season, is hardly likely to favour one. Instead he is offering a genial mixture of show business and contained experimentation - a little test for the loyal but unadventurous London audiences which, with the aid of Previn, they will probably pass.

ARTS DIARY

Speaking Bluntly

Christopher Wright, who threw top British and American art galleries into disarray last year by throwing doubt on the authenticity of their cherished exhibits, is on the warpath again. The ex-Courtauld art historian's new book, Poussin: The Paintings (Harlequin Books  45) is awededly non-controversial. But it is the culmination of a rearguard action he has fought for years against his old Courtauld tutor, Anthony Blunt. The authentication expert-turned-spy was not, it seems, aware of the validity of genuine Poussin works to increase the scarcity value of his own collection, nor of accepting - from a shady Parisian agent - forged or spurious paintings he could lucratively sell to leading galleries. Wright's book, he tells me, is an attempt to set the Poussin record straight. It may cost him some friends. The National Gallery, I understand, has suggested to its education department that Wright's lectures be "given a rest" and its book store refuses to stock his contentious volumes.

On the wing

Moves are afoot to transfer Charles Sturridge's production of The Seagull - currently at the Oxford Playhouse - to the West End. It is not known whether John Hart or Samantha Eggar will wish to follow, but if Samantha Eggar declines then



Redgrave and Richardson

Vanessa Redgrave is likely to replace her in the part of Arkadina. It would make a second mother-and-daughter appearance for Redgrave - having acted alongside her daughter Joely Richardson in the film Waterbury she would this time be on stage with Joely's sister Natasha, who plays Nina.

Sitting duck

Literary sex writer Kathy Acker boasts that her apartment in New York's run-down Lower East Side has seen 13 murders. But where has she just chosen for her London home? Fashionable, up-market Barnes. "I wanted somewhere I could see the ducks on the river", she is telling friends.

Nobel Prize winner William Golding has contributed the preface to David Bailey's book of photographs of the famous actress Susan. "I'm not sure I shall ever be the same again", he writes of the book. "It will keep you awake tonight and perhaps make you feel you will stay awake forever... for the love of God and man, be angry." Published jointly by Thames and Hudson and Faber in July, the book coincides with the Band Aid concert for Sudan and all involved in its publication have given their materials and services free.

Trouble at Pit

Edward Bond's War Plays, an epic trilogy lasting seven hours about a nuclear holocaust, are certainly going through the wars in their previews at the Barbican's Pit. The "technical difficulties" which caused the Royal Shakespeare Company to cancel the first two previews, included Ian McDiarmid injuring his ankle. Because of this mishap, an extra character now appears on stage - a mysterious silent figure in a track suit. While McDiarmid delivers his lines, this "runner" does all his fighting and lifting of bodies for him. He was certainly not created by Bond. A member of M15 perhaps?

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THE TIMES CHOICE

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

GUYS AND DOLLS: Antonia Bird directs Richard Eyre's National Theatre production, first seen in 1982, of the show subtitled A Musical Fable of Broadway. Lulu as Miss Adelaide, Norman Rossington as Nathan Detroit, Clarke Peters as Sky Masterson, Celia Goodson as Irena, and John Wood as Sam. Previews London W1 (01-930 8581). Previews Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm; June 15 at 8pm, June 18 at 7.30pm. Opens June 19 at 7pm. Then Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinees Thurs and Sat at 3pm.

OPENINGS

LOST IN EXILE: The relationship between F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway, and the decline into madness of Zelda Fitzgerald, examined in a new play by C. Paul Ryan. Terry Adams directs Dennis

July 6, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinees Sat at 2.30pm.

THE GREAT CAPOTE: Frederick Davies as the author and friend of Truman Capote, in a one-man show based on his "life, writings, opinions and loves". Devised by Davies and director Norma Murphy-Martell, the show is due for a New York opening in September. Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2238). Tomorrow, June 16 and 23 at 7.30pm.

THE SEVENTH JOKE: The Joys, a four-man comedy, cabaret and music group, in their latest full-length show, which has been developed on tour. Their concern is with correcting the sexist balance of much humour and tends to satirize male attitudes. Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-367 9629). Opens Mon at 8pm.

SELECTED

OLD TIMES: Heymarket (01-930 9832), Mon-Sat 7.30pm; matinees Wed at 3pm, Sat at 4.30pm. A splendid revival of Harold Pinter's three-hander about shared nostalgia, reawakening old rivalries. With Michael Gambon, Nicola Pagett, Liv Ullmann.

PRAYDA: Olivier (01-928 2252), Wed-Fri at 7.15pm; matinees Thurs at 2pm. In repertory. David Hare and Howard Brenton's near-the-knuckle account of the rise of the ruthless colonial newspaper magnate provides Anthony Hopkins with a gem of a role.

RICHARD III: Heymarket (01-928 8795/836 8891), Mon and Tues at 7.30pm. In repertory. Anthony Sher in a mesmerizing performance as the "Crowned Spider" finds able support in Patricia Routledge, Malcolm Storry and Penelope Beaumont.

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388), Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street by Donald Cotton and Brian Binnie. Opens Wed at 7.15pm. Until June 22. Mon-Wed at 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Thurs (not June 13) at 3pm, Sat at 4pm. Bristol Old Vic Theatre School annual student production is a new

comedy musical version of the Victorian melodrama, directed by Christopher Denys; musical director Neil Rhoads.

WINDSOR: Theatre Royal, Thames Street (075 35 8388), The Sloane Ranger Revue by Ned Sherrin and Neil Shand, with music by Peter Greenwell and Steve Brown. Opens Tues at 8pm, until June 23, Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinees Thurs (not June 13) at 2.30pm, Sat at 4.45pm. Draws heavily on the researches and pronouncements of Peter York and Ann Barr, this is no less than a Seven Ages of Sloane; Sherrin directs four Henrys, four Carolines and Kevin, who is a Grook.

FILMS

OPENINGS

THE GLENN MILLER STORY (U): Universal's sentimental biography of the famous bandleader, first released in 1954; rereleased with 18 extra minutes and a revamped



John Glen; with Roger Moore, Christopher Walken, Tanya Roberts. From Thurs at the Odeon, Leicester Square (01-930 8111).

A VIEW TO A KILL (PG): James Bond and a shapely American geologist fight the mad schemes of an industrialist bent on controlling the world's microchip industry. The 18th Bond adventure, with threadbare ingredients and the usual glossy surface. Directed by

John Glen; with Roger Moore, Christopher Walken, Tanya Roberts. From Thurs at the Odeon, Leicester Square (01-930 8111).

SILVER CITY (15): The experiences of Polish immigrants in post-war Australia - is half-squandered on a routine love story. The first feature of director Sophie Turdewick, with Gosia Dobrowolska, Ivar Kants and Anna Jamison. From Thurs at the Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772).

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WITNESS (15): Plaza (01-437 1234) Detective Harrison Ford opens a bygone's nest of police corruption and hides out with the Amish religious community, where his key child witness lives. Excitingly directed by Peter Weir, an Australian making his first Hollywood film. With Kelly McGillis and Lukas Haas, as the child.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB (15): Plaza (01-437 1234) Five motley high school students

discover common bonds while spending Saturday in detention. Agreeably modest and well acted comedy from writer-director John Hughes, specialist in teenage topics. With Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson.

A LOVE IN GERMANY (15): Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742), until Wed. Camden Plaza (01-485 2443) Andrzej Pazda's most recent film. Hanna Schygulka plays the married woman in love with a Polish POW.

PHOTOGRAPHY

BRADFORD BOUNTY National Museum of Photography, Princes' Walk, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727488). Daily Exhibitions on show until June 16 include A Fair Day, beautiful sensitive photographs by Martin Parr of life in the West of Ireland, and Dallas, photographs and other exhibits surrounding the life and times of Frederick Dallas. Also until June 23, A Vision Exchanged, amateur photography from the 1850s, and Edward Steichen, a wonderful selection of portraits originally taken for Vogue and Vanity Fair during the 1920s and '30s.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR Shugborough Hall, Shugborough Estate, Millers, Staffs. (0883 881388) June 26-July 31, Tues-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, Sat-Sun 2-5.30pm. I recently incorrectly listed this exhibition as being at the National Museum of Photography; apologies to all concerned. Black and white photography including work from Eamonn McCabe, Chris Smith and Chris Cole.

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

ANCIENT CHINESE BRONZES: They may look ancient, but they are not. The one chance to see extraordinary reproductions of 32 bronzes from the Palace Museum at Peiking, cast at the Morris Singer foundry in England - a case of East-West cooperation between the Chinese Ministry of Culture and Bowater. National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park Cardiff (0222 397951). From Fri until Sept 8.

LAST CHANCE

MADAM BUTTERFLY: Last performance this season by English National Opera, with Janice Cairns. Fri at 7.30pm. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

RAINBOW BRIDGE: An exhibition of works inspired by Wagner's Ring Cycle, by Ellen Marwood, Bob Meehan, Pat Shaw, and Tony Wright. Ends today, 9.30am-5pm. North Peckham Exhibition Gallery, 805-6 Old Kent Road, London SE15 (01-639 1255).

GORDON OF KHARTOUM 1833-1885: Centenary exhibition commemorating the celebrated Victorian soldier. Ends tomorrow, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552).

JOSEF KOUDELKA: Koudelka's mastery photographs of gypsies and other nomadic groups from the 1960s to 1980. Ends Tues, Tues 10am-8pm, Sun 5-8pm. Plymouth Arts Centre, 38 Looe Street, Plymouth (0752 660080).

Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm.

PATRICK PROCTOR: First major exhibition of prints (dated 1959-86) by the watercolourist and oil painter. Includes subtle, translucent aquatints from China, where he was the first European artist to visit since the Cultural Revolution. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham (021 235 2069). From today until July 21, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm.

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BARRY FLANAGAN: Waddington Galleries, 34 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 8511). Until June 22, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

Recent work by British sculptor, includes his trademark sit-up-and-beg bronze rabbits, as well as



galloping unicorns (above) and abstract tallmans.

BRITISH ART SHOW: Southampton City Art Gallery, Civic Centre Southampton (0703-832277). Until July 7, Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm. Closed Mon.

Last stop for the Arts Council's caravanserai of work by 82 contemporary artists. Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Films: Geoff Brown; Galleries: Sarah Jane Chackland; Photography: Michael Young; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse